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Downing of Iranian Airbus by the Vincennes

Report blames human error

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (Agencies): Human error and not a highly sophisticated radar system was responsible for the shooting down of an airliner with 290 people aboard over the Gulf in July, according to US news reports.

US defence officials confirmed these reports.

The defence officials said the Navy report, which could be a major embarrassment to the United States, was still under study by the US Central Command in Tampa and had not yet been forwarded to the military joint Chiefs of Staff and Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci.

concluded that the complex Aegis radar missile targeting system on the one-billion-dollar ship performed well.

The ship's commander, Captain Will Rogers, ordered a missile attack on the plane after he was told it was descending toward the ship with the high speed of an attacking American-built F-14 fighter plane, US officials have said.

Altitude

But ABC quoted the Navy report as saying computer records show the Aegis system accurately determined the Iranian plane was climbing, not descending toward the ship, and was flying far slower than the 450 nautical miles per hour of an F-14.

The New York Times, citing unnamed Defence Department officials, said the inquiry found the Aegis data was misinterpreted as a result of the psychological stress of being in combat for the first time.

The newspaper said investigators concluded that tension

aboard the ship was high at the time because the crew had just engaged Iranian attack boats.

The ship was on high alert after intelligence reports warned of possible terrorist attacks on US targets during the July 4th holiday weekend, the paper said.

It said the crew of the Vincennes had never before been in battle.

Details including airspeed and altitude do not show automatically on the main Aegis radar screen but must be called up separately on a smaller screen by one of the officers operating the system, ABC said.

Until now US speculation had focused on the Aegis system as the likely cause of the inaccurate information, with congressional critics saying there were several failures during tests of the system.

Meanwhile a five-man delegation from the International Civil Aviation Organisation is in the southern Iranian city of Bandar Abbas to investigate the shooting down of the Iran Air jetliner, according to Iranian press reports today.

The team arrived in the port city late yesterday for a three-day visit to "inspect the scene of the crash, wreckage of the Airbus, Bandar Abbas airport and searching operations," said the official IRNA.

Apology

Iran's delegation to UN peace talks called today for an apology and reparations by the United States over its downing of the Airbus.

Mohammad Javad Zarif, spokesman for the Iranian delegation, made the call following news reports that the official US report on the incident blamed human error.

"The findings... once again prove that what we said from the very beginning was actually what happened," he said.

A US congressional subcommittee called a relative of the dead Iranian pilot to testify on the issue of compensation.

Nahid Sadeghi, whose brother-in-law was flying the airliner was among three witnesses summoned.



Relatives of Balbir Singh wave in victory after his conviction was overturned. (Reuters wirephoto)

Supreme Court frees third defendant

Convictions of two in Indira murder upheld

NEW DELHI, Aug. 3 (UPI): India's highest court today upheld death sentences of two Sikhs found guilty in the Oct 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, but overturned the conviction of a third defendant.

The Supreme Court decision prompted authorities to declare a security alert across northern India to prevent retaliatory attacks by Sikh extremists who have killed more than 1,300 people this year in their fight for independence for Punjab state.

Officials said security forces were ordered to increase night patrols and vehicle checks.

A three-judge Supreme Court panel took only two minutes to deliver its decisions on appeals by Satwant Singh, Kehar Singh and Balbir Singh of their convictions and death sentences in the Oct 31, 1984, assassination of Mrs Gandhi.

The judges refused to reverse the convictions of Satwant Singh and Kehar Singh, but upheld the appeal of Balbir Singh, declaring he "should be set at liberty forthwith."

Findings

The panel declined to reveal in the packed courtroom the reasons for its findings.

In separate, concurring written decisions released later, the judges said prosecutors had adequately supported their cases against Satwant Singh and Kehar Singh.

"It is one of the rarest of rare cases in which the extreme penalty is called for," wrote Justice B.C. Ray in his ruling.

The tribunal, however, agreed that prosecutors failed to prove "beyond a reasonable doubt" their charges against Balbir Singh.

"The judgement shows the hollowness of the prosecution case," contended Rani Jethmalani, one of Balbir Singh's lawyers.

Satwant Singh and Kehar Singh have one month to seek reconsideration of their cases by the Supreme Court. After that, their final recourse to escape execution by hanging would be an appeal for mercy to President Ramaswamy Venkataraman.

Petition

The execution date would be set by jail authorities.

Kehar Singh's son, Rajinder, said a review petition for his father would be filed with the Supreme Court, "and if that does not help, we will move a mercy petition to the President."

It was not known if Satwant Singh would take the same course.

None of the defendants was present to hear the decision, but relatives of Balbir Singh jumped and cheered outside the courthouse on learning of his reprieve.

The trio on Jan 22, 1986, was convicted after a nine-month trial on charges of murder and conspiring to kill Mrs Gandhi to avenge a June 1984 Army assault on heavily armed Sikh separatists occupying the Golden Temple of Amritsar.

PLO cautiously welcomes Hussein's move

BAGHDAD, Aug. 3. (Agencies): Palestine Liberation Organisation officials today cautiously welcomed Jordan's decision to cut legal ties with the Israeli-held West Bank, saying it placed Israel and the United States "face to face" with the PLO.

But they expressed scepticism about Jordan's intention, saying King Hussein might be trying to pressure Palestinians into reliance upon Jordan.

"We are dealing with it on the basis it is a positive step on the part of Jordan," said a senior PLO official who insisted he not be further identified.

"Also we are dealing with it on the basis of removing from our minds the Jordanian intentions behind this step — whether it is pressure or not," he added, echoing doubts expressed by other PLO officials attending leadership talks here.

Favour

Hussein announced over the weekend that he was severing administrative and legal ties with the West Bank — the portion of Palestine he ruled from 1948 until Israel captured it in 1967.

He said he was stepping aside in favour of the PLO, and called for an independent Palestinian state.

The senior PLO official said Hussein's action "cancelled the Jordanian option" advocated by some American and Israeli officials who favour returning the West Bank to Jordan in exchange for peace rather than allowing a Palestinian state.

"It put the Americans and the Israelis face to face with the Palestinians," the PLO official said.

Renewed

He also said it should lead to a renewed PLO agreement with Jordan "because we are still committed to the idea of a confederation" between a Jordanian and Palestinian state.

PLO leaders devoted much of four days of meetings here to discuss Hussein's move, but they decided to avoid immediate public comment.

The PLO central council called for an extraordinary session of the PLO's parliament in exile, the Palestine National Council, to discuss the Jordanian action as well as the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A PLO delegation is due to visit Jordan soon to discuss the issue and prepare for a visit by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, whose relations with Jordan have been strained since Hussein broke off talks with him in mid-1986.

The senior PLO official indicated Jordan's action might prompt new PLO diplomatic activity, saying it has "accelerated Palestinian thinking regarding realistic political initiatives."

He declined to specify what steps might be taken.

He attributed Jordan's action to the pro-PLO uprising on the West Bank, during which "Jordanian institutions in the occupied territories were rendered valueless."

He also said it was due to the May Algiers Arab summit, which "referred to the PLO as the sole legitimate representative (of the Palestinians) without referring to any relations with Jordan."

But he termed it "a pressure tactic" rather than "a strategic decision" by Jordan.

Passports

"Those who advised King Hussein to take this step did not realise to what extent we would benefit," he said, referring to palace advisers allegedly hostile to the PLO.

"If they have the illusion that the PLO will kneel, I would like to assure them the PLO will not kneel," he said.

Jordan is the primary financial avenue for the 300,000 West Bank Palestinians. Most hold Jordanian passports and many receive Jordanian salaries.

But the PLO official said he believed Jordan would not cut salaries, withdraw passports or take other steps which could be seen as "a punishment of the PLO."

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Pakistan denies

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Pakistan today denied any involvement in an alleged Sikh extremist plot to kill Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Home Minister Buta Singh.

Peace talks remain stalled

Iraq raids Iranian gas plant again

BAGHDAD, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Iraq said its jets attacked two targets in Iran today in the latest Iraqi military action since Tehran accepted a ceasefire last month.

"Our warplanes achieved two heroic operations to destroy the economic mainstays which support the Iranian enemy war effort," a military spokesman said.

Iraq reported earlier that Iraqi jets raided "industrial-labour units" in the provinces of Bushehr and Khuzestan.

The Iraqi spokesman said the jets staged successful and destructive raids against a pumping station and the Kangan gas plant under construction on the mainland near Lavan island in the southern Gulf.

Suspend

Iraqi jets previously raided Kangan on June 30, killing 12 South Korean workers and wounding 48. The South Korean company building the plant suspended work and pulled out the rest of its workers after that raid.

The Iraqi spokesman denied an Iranian report that an Iraqi jet had been shot down during the raids today.

Iraq staged the raids while its Foreign Minister, Tariq Aziz, was in New York for talks with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on a ceasefire resolution.

The UN chief is holding separate talks with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, whose country accepted the Security Council resolution on July 18.

The talks are stalled by a dispute over direct talks, which Iraq says must precede a ceasefire. Iran says the ceasefire must come first.

Ramadan

Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan said in Jordan today that any UN move to set a ceasefire date before direct talks between the combatants would damage peace prospects.

Asked how Iraq would view a ceasefire call by Perez de Cuellar before agreement on direct talks, he told Jordan's official news agency Petra: "Such a step would be a step towards a ceasefire."

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Zia's decision to hold polls in November challenged

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 3. (KUNA): A Pakistani opposition politician has challenged in Lahore High Court President Zia-ul-Haq's decision to hold general elections on Nov 16.

M.D. Tahir in his writ petition, filed with Justice Khalid-ur-Rehman, pleads that the presidential measure is unconstitutional because the gap between the dissolving of the Parliament and holding of elections is 173 days which is more than what is prescribed in the constitution.

Tahir argued that the constitution bound the President to hold fresh elections within 90 days of the dissolution of the Parliament.

Zia dissolved the National Assembly on May 29 which means that the elections should be held on Aug 28, Tahir said.

The order of the President should be declared illegal and in violation of the constitution, the petitioner asserted.

The hearing of the case has been fixed for Aug 28.

Binds

The government says that the constitution binds the President to only announce the date of new elections within 90 days of the dissolution of the National Assembly and not to hold them in that period.

As such when he announced the date on July 20 he was well within the prescribed time because only 53 days had elapsed from the dissolution.

Another petition is expected to be filed in a superior court challenging Zia's decision to hold elections on a partyless basis.

According to reports Benazir Bhutto, the chief of the Pakistan Peoples Party will file the petition in either the Supreme Court in Rawalpindi or one of the four provincial high courts.

Gas bottles explode

Ship sinks in the Gulf

MANAMA, Aug. 3. (AP): A small cargo vessel flying the United Arab Emirates flag exploded and sank outside the Strait of Hormuz early today, Gulf-based shipping executives reported.

The 1,870-ton Fatima was loaded with gas bottles destined for Karachi, Pakistan, and the shipping executives said an onboard explosion sunk the vessel.

The executives said they believed the gas bottles exploded because of the heat, which can soar up to 130 degrees Fahrenheit (56 degrees Centigrade) in the Gulf of Oman, where the incident occurred.

Plucked

The executives said that the Greek captain and eight Asian seamen were plucked from the water by helicopters from the French missile destroyer Du Chayla, which was in the vicinity.

The Du Chayla is part of the fleet, around the French aircraft carrier Clemenceau.

The crew escaped with minor injuries, according to the reports from the shipping executives, speaking on condition they not be named.

Way for Kuwait arms deal cleared

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (Reuters): The Reagan administration has reached an accord with Congress that clears the way for a \$1.9 billion arms sale to Kuwait, key members of the US House of Representatives said today.

Under the agreement delivery of 40 F-18 warplanes and Maverick missiles will be stretched out and Kuwait will return its current A-4 aircraft on a one-for-one basis as the F-18s are delivered, according to Democratic representatives Lawrence Smith and Mel Levine.

V.P. Singh to lead new opposition party

NEW DELHI, Aug. 3. (UPI): The leaders of four centrist opposition groups today overcame a major hurdle in their bid to unite against Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, agreeing on former Finance Minister V.P. Singh as the head of a proposed new party.

The agreement was announced by Haryana state Chief Minister Devi Lal, leader of the Lok Dal party, one of the four groups planning to merge into the Samajwadi Janata Dal (SJD) (Socialist People's Party) by the middle of August.

The other three groups are the Janata Party, the Congress (S) Party — a splinter faction of Rajiv's Congress (I) Party — and Singh's Jan Morcha (People's Front).

The four organisations announced last week they were working on a plan to merge in order to confront Rajiv in general elections that must be held before the end of the next year.

Unification

Lal, in a statement issued to reporters, said leaders of the groups had agreed to make Singh the president of the new party, ending a leadership disagreement, just one of a number of serious obstacles to unification.

The hickering had raised fears that the efforts to form the new party would fail.

Lal's statement said the SJD's vice-president would be Ramakrishna Hegde, the Janata Party chief minister of southern Karnataka state, and its general secretary would be Ajit Singh, who is currently the Janata Party president.

"The decision has been welcomed, but some opposed it and are not happy about it," Ajit Singh said. "It is expected in a democratic polity. We have been the prime mover of opposition unity."

Singh is widely perceived as the only opposition leader capable of leading a serious general election challenge to Rajiv's party.

The focus of opposition hopes since he trounced his Congress (I) party opponent in a crucial parliamentary by-election in June, Singh had asserted that he favoured a collective leadership for the SJD to ensure a voice for each of component groups.

Red Square pilot Rust released

MOSCOW, Aug. 3. (Agencies): Mathias Rust, the West German pilot whose landing in Red Square shook up the Soviet Defence Ministry, was freed from prison today and expelled to his home country, the Tass news agency said.

The news agency reported that Rust "has just taken a flight from Moscow to the Federal Republic of Germany."

It did not say which flight he took, but he apparently was on board an Airbus A300 of the West German airline Lufthansa that had been waiting at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport.

There was no immediate word from reporters at the airport that the plane had taken off.

Tass said the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the country's highest executive body, decreed earlier in the day that the 20-year-old Rust "be freed from further serving his term and expelled from the Soviet Union."

Tass said it would also run an interview with the young pilot.

Positive

In Bonn, an official spokesman quoted Chancellor Helmut Kohl as saying Rust's release was "a positive gesture in view of my visit to Moscow," which is scheduled for October.

Rust's mother Monika was overjoyed at the news of her son's release.

"I am happy, simply happy that Mathias is coming home," she said, between accepting bouquets of flowers from neighbours.

Tass accused Rust of an "unprecedented act of hooliganism in the air," as he approached Moscow on May 28, 1987, near the air corridor used by international flights approaching Sheremetyevo airport.

He was found guilty Sept. 4, 1987, of illegally entering the Soviet Union, violating international flight rules and



malicious hooliganism, and sentenced to four years in a Soviet labour camp.

However, he remained incarcerated in Moscow's Lefortovo prison.

"Having served just over a quarter of the term to which he was sentenced by the court, Mathias Rust was released. The Soviet Union has shown its humanitarianism again," Tass said.

Nikolai Ignatiev, a freelance Soviet photographer working for the West German magazine Stern, told reporters at Sheremetyevo airport that he had seen Rust driven up to the departure hall in an orange and white van at about 6:20 pm (1420 GMT).

Rust's dramatic flight shook the foundation of Soviet security and prompted the ouster of Defence Minister Sergei Sokolov and Air Defence chief Alexander Koldunov.

Soviet jets scrambled to intercept Rust's light plane when it was detected crossing into Soviet airspace, but no action was taken to halt the flight and apparently no word of warning about the incident was sent forward to Moscow.

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Ahmad: 25°C (77°F)

Fahala: 25°C (77°F)

Falaka: 25°C (77°F)

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Fahala: 39 per cent

Falaka: 39 per cent

INTERNATIONAL

Hezbollah 'executes' kidnapper

BEIRUT, Aug. 3. (Reuters): The radical pro-Iranian Hezbollah, widely accused of abducting Westerners, said today it had "executed" the kidnappers of three Lebanese children.

It said in a statement to news agencies: "Following measures by Hezbollah against members of the gang arrested for involvement in the kidnapping of the three Al Ariss children..."

"Hezbollah carried out a just sentence... and executed Youssef Jawhar after he confessed involvement in several armed kidnappings, terrorising civilians and extorting money."

The children of wealthy foreign exchange dealer Zuhair Al Ariss were grabbed by six gunmen while on their way to school on June 14 but rescued three days later in an operation by Hezbollah and Syrian troops.

Hezbollah said after the rescue it had arrested the kidnappers who demanded three million dollars ransom for Dana Al Ariss, 13, and her brothers Samir, 11, and Ramzi, six.

The Hezbollah statement said Jawhar, a Shiite Muslim Lebanese, was the mastermind of the seizures and was responsible for demanding ransom from the families, it said.

Hezbollah did not say how Jawhar was killed nor give details about the fate of the other gang members.

At least 10 children of wealthy families have been seized over the past year by gunmen seeking cash ransoms.

Hezbollah is widely accused of involvement in the kidnapping of up to 18 Westerners missing in Lebanon but denies links to hostage-taking.



Etienne Marais (front row left) was among 143 South Africans who refused further service in the Army because they believe it upholds apartheid. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gesture of mass defiance in S. Africa

Whites refuse Army service

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Scores of young white South Africans publicly refused today to report for compulsory military service in a gesture of mass defiance that could earn them up to six years in jail.

At secretive press conferences in four cities 143 men, mainly professionals and students, simultaneously announced they would not serve because they saw the Army as an instrument of unjust race policies.

"We believe that the South African defence force helps to uphold the system of apartheid," they said in a joint statement.

Last month a court sentenced 25-year-old law student David Bruce to the maximum six years' imprisonment for refusing military service, in a signal that

the authorities would deal harshly with white conscientious objectors.

"The Army is not defending South Africa as a whole, but is defending with brute force the interests of apartheid," psychology student Etienne Marais, 26, said at Johannesburg's University of the Witwatersrand.

Support

Behind him rows of other objectors stood facing television cameras after distributing their names and signed statements.

In Durban, Roman Catholic Archbishop Denis Hurley chaired the objectors' meeting and told them: "I find myself full of admiration at the courage of this stand."

Hurley pledged his church's

support for attempts to change the law on conscientious objection to military service.

Marais, describing his experiences in the Angola and South African-ruled Namibia, told reporters: "What I am angry about is that I was conscripted into waging war against a people that I had no quarrel with... that I was part of a crazy and brutal occupation."

Journalists were led to the conferences via several rendezvous to throw security forces off the trail. The venues varied from a university campus room in Johannesburg to a church hall in Cape Town.

Speakers said the Army acted as a brutal oppressor in the townships, reserved for blacks under South Africa's race laws.

Namibian independence linked to Cuban pullout

Pretoria's truce proposal rejected

GENEVA, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Cuba and Angola today rejected a surprise South African proposal for a ceasefire in Angola and independence for Namibia, Cuba said.

"The South African proposal has not yet been discussed during the Geneva negotiations. Nor is it acceptable for the joint Angolan and Cuban delegation," Cuba said in a statement issued at US-mediated talks on southern Africa.

Cuba and Angola would not cut short the peace negotiations on southern Africa which began in London last May and have continued in Cairo, New York and Geneva, the Cuban statement said.

Reiterate "Cuba and Angola reiterate their readiness to continue with seriousness and respect negotiations necessary to seek a just peace in the southwestern area of Africa," it said.

South Africa announced in Pretoria yesterday that it was prepared to begin implementing a United Nations independence plan for South African-ruled Namibia on Nov. 1.

The offer was conditional on Cuba withdrawing an estimated 50,000 troops from Angola by June next year and on the closing of seven Angolan bases of the African National Congress

(ANC), which is fighting to end white domination in South Africa.

The announcement, made in Pretoria by Foreign Minister P. W. Botha, surprised delegates to the Geneva talks who had imposed a blanket of secrecy on their discussions.

Cuba said South Africa could not fix a date for the withdrawal of "internationalist troops who defend Angola from the aggression of the South African government itself."

A date for Cuban withdrawal would be fixed by Angola and Cuba "when threats to the integrity and sovereignty of Angola cease," Cuba said.

Proposed Angola and Cuba have previously proposed a Cuban withdrawal over four years. The Cuban troops are supporting the Angolan government against South African-backed UNITA rebels.

Cuba said South Africa could not make Namibian independence conditional on the termination of Angolan aid to the ANC, nor could it demand that restrictions be imposed on the activities of black nationalist Namibian guerrillas.

This would convert the Angolan government into a "gendarme of the aspirations of apartheid," Cuba said.

The Geneva talks are the fourth round of four-nation talks aimed at securing the withdrawal of the Cuban troops and independence for Namibia, which Pretoria rules in defiance of the United Nations.

Cuba accused South Africa of breaking a confidentiality agreement in force at the talks. In an implied criticism of South Africa, US Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker, who is mediating, urged all parties today to respect secrecy surrounding the talks.

Asked if South Africa had broken the ground rules by making the announcement, Crocker told reporters: "We certainly are going to stick with the ground rules of talking at the table rather than in public and we would urge all parties to do so."

Crocker refused to comment when asked if Pretoria's surprise announcement had damaged chances of a settlement.

"Many positions have been stated in the past. There will be more in the future. The negotiations continue," he said.

Asked if progress could be made on Pretoria's proposal, Crocker said: "There's certainly going to have to be compromise on all sides if we are going to get a settlement, no doubt about it. This is no one's last word, this is a negotiation."

India accuses Sumitomo

NEW DELHI, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Finance Minister S. B. Chavan accused Japan's Sumitomo Corporation today of violating contracts at the centre of another bribery scandal facing the Indian government.

He made the charge less than a week after the government rejected opposition demands for a new probe into allegations Sweden's Bofors arms company bribed Indians in a \$1.3 billion defence contract.

Chavan told Parliament the government would ask Sumitomo why it had appointed an Indian agent, an alleged violation of contracts it signed in a pipeline construction deal with India's state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC).

The respected Statesman newspaper has named the agent as Lalit Suri, said to be an associate of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. In Tokyo yesterday, Sumitomo denied any irregular payments. It said it paid \$669,367 to Suri's company, Jyotsna Holdings, under a regular consultancy contract.

China unlikely to sell missiles to Syria

BEIJING, Aug. 3. (UPI): US concerns over burgeoning arms sales to the Middle East may have convinced Beijing to stop the planned sale of short-range missiles to Syria, a senior US arms control official said today.

William F. Burns, director of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, told a news conference Washington's concerns over the proliferation of ballistic missiles in the region formed an "important element" in his talks with Chinese leaders.

China reacted "positively" to specific concerns over a planned sale of M-9 missiles to Syria and has not gone ahead with the sale, Burns said following two days of discussions with senior Chinese officials.

Pressure "I believe the Chinese government understands the seriousness with which we take the proliferation of missiles as well as proliferation of other weapons in other areas in the world," Burns said.

China's arms sales, which earn the nation much-needed hard

currency, have especially vexed US officials in their efforts to end the Gulf war. Under US pressure, China has halted sales of anti-ship Silkworm missiles to Iran but remains the major weapons supplier to both Iran and Iraq.

The US Senate passed a resolution last week 97-0 that called on the Reagan administration to re-evaluate relations with China if its arms sales to the volatile region continue.

US Secretary of State George Shultz criticised China last month for its sales of intermediate-range missiles during his three-day visit.

Shultz received a tepid response from Chinese officials to a proposal for talks with Beijing on controlling the spread of ballistic missiles following increased Chinese arms sales to the Middle East.

In the fifth meeting on disarmament between Chinese and US officials, Burns met with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, Vice Foreign Minister Zhu Qizhen and assistant Foreign Minister Li Daoyu.

23 die as Bulgarian airliner crashes

VIENNA, Austria, Aug. 3. (Agencies): A Bulgarian airliner today failed to take off from a Sofia runway and crashed into a river bed, killing at least 23 people on board, including a Soviet diplomat, state media reported today.

There were 37 people on board, including four crew members.

The official Bulgarian news agency BTA said a consul at the Soviet consulate general in the Black Sea coast town of Varna where the plane was headed, was among the dead.

He was identified as Yuri Evgenyevich Cheryomin, 38. Sources in Sofia said the official Communist Party daily Rabotnichesko Delo described the crash in today's editions.

The sources, who insisted on anonymity, said the newspaper reported that the Yak-40

propeller-type plane of the state Balkan Airlines, failed to lift-off, continued to roll off the runway and crashed into the Iskar river about a mile (1.6 kilometres) to the east of the airport.

It was not yet known why the plane was unable to lift-off.

The newspaper said 12 people had been hospitalised with injuries.

In its today's dispatch, however, the official Bulgarian news agency BTA quoted sources in the Balkan Bulgarian Airlines as saying 23 people died and 14 were injured in the crash.

An eyewitness said trucks today removed the smoke-blackened cockpit and charred fuselage of the national carrier Balkan Airlines plane.

Airport sources said it was still not clear what caused the crash of the Soviet-designed Yak-40 aircraft.

Israeli tablet can counter chemical weapons

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (AP): Israel, fearing the threat of chemical warfare, is distributing to its soldiers a newly developed tablet that increases immunity to chemical weapons, the Army's chief medical doctor announced today.

"We're also at the end of research and beginning of development of a new injection... so we will be able to provide each soldier with a syringe in the field, without need for refrigeration and with a long shelf life," Brig. Gen. Yehuda Danon said on Israel radio.

Balance Danon's revelations of the latest Israeli methods to fight chemical weapons coincided with the Army's Medical Corps Day.

While the Israeli tablet apparently makes use of a new, locally developed formula, a Western expert said similar pharmacological protection has been

available for some time both to Israel's armed forces and Western armies.

The latest Middle East military balance for 1986, produced by Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies, says Arab countries possess chemical weapons that constitute "a threat against Israel... it can only grow in the future."

Specifically, the Iran-Iraq war has heightened Israeli concerns about chemical weapons, and "in the last year we introduced tablets that raise personal immunity levels," Danon said.

The Army also has conducted drills in Israeli hospitals using medical teams specially trained to treat victims of chemical weapons, the Daily Maariv reported today.

The Army hopes to conduct drills in all Israeli hospitals during the coming year and equip them with special equipment to treat victims, the newspaper said.

Planet found orbiting distant star

BALTIMORE, Aug. 3. (AP): A group of astronomers making routine measurements on a star have found the first confirmed evidence of a planet orbiting a star other than our own sun.

David W. Latham, who led the team that made the discovery, said the planet is 30,000 times larger than the earth and probably lifeless because it would have a surface temperature of hundreds of degrees.

"It's much hotter than an oven," said Latham. "This is not a place you would look for life."

The planet is so close to its star that it orbits once every 84 days, Latham said. Mercury, the planet closest to the sun, has an orbit of 87 days.

Latham will report on the discovery at the 20th general assembly of the International Astronomical Union in Baltimore.

Latham and his team found the planet while running instrument tests on a star called HD 114762. He said the star was one of a group called "candidate standard stars" that astronomers have been measuring for years to establish the characteristics of basic star types.

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Greece to close US air base

ATHENS, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Greece has decided to close the major US Hellenikon Air Base outside Athens, government spokesman Sotiris Kostopoulos said today.

"One of the decisions of the Greek government is... the abolition of the Hellenikon base," he told reporters.

Kostopoulos gave no indication of when the Hellenikon base will be shut, but he said there was no question of transferring operations at the base to another site in Greece.

Talks between Greece and the United States on a new agreement for US military bases have been deadlocked since they began last November.

Greece has notified Washington that the present agreement will be terminated in December

and the Americans will then have 17 months to pack up and go home unless a new accord is signed.

Washington maintains four major Air Force and Naval bases and some 20 smaller facilities in this east Mediterranean country. About 3,700 American military personnel are stationed at the installations.

Position Hellenikon is next to Athens international airport and uses the same runway as commercial flights into Greece. Its position is a constant reminder of the US military presence in the country.

The US Air Force uses the base for re-supply and transport operations throughout the Middle East as well as surveillance operations there by RC-135 reconnaissance planes.

"The negotiations, as we have repeatedly underlined, are foreseen to be tough and long," Kostopoulos said.

The outcome of the talks would "depend on the manner in which the United States handles certain issues of our direct interest," he added said.

The Greek government has repeatedly said a new agreement must serve the country's highest national interest. Greece wants guarantees that Washington backs its position in disputes over the Aegean Sea region and Cyprus.

Greece and neighbouring Turkey, which also receives military backing from Washington, are locked in a series of disputes over the island of Cyprus.

Heavy rains play havoc

Floods kill 161 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 3. (KUNA): Abnormally heavy rains and high floods have caused havoc in the Punjab and Frontier provinces killing at least 161 people and rendering about one million homeless.

According to official reports the twin-calamity has struck 22 districts in the Punjab and four in the frontier provinces leaving a trail of devastation to life and property.

Besides loss of 161 lives, an estimated 600 cattle-heads have perished after having been swept away by swirling waters of flooded rivers across the two provinces.

Nearly 2,000 villages were submerged in flood water in Punjab alone making as many as 998,000 people shelterless. The government set up a string of relief camps for them. The number of houses destroyed was put at 14,475 and those damaged at

26,457. Standing crops in fertile farmlands spread over 225,000 acres were also damaged, forcing the Punjab government to announce remission of land revenue to the affected farmers.

Season Federal flood commissioner Mian Maqbool Alam said in an interview that though the national meteorological office had forecast well in advance that the country would have abnormally high rains this season, the commission could not cope with the situation arising from the phenomenon.

According to him the funds placed for anti-flood measures by the government for the purpose were inadequate. Maqbool Alam said the amount available for anti-flood operations was Rs. 161 million where as the actual need was of the order of Rs. 612 million.

The worst affected districts in

the Punjab were Sialkot, Jhang, Gujrat, Lahore, Mianwali, Multan, Muzaffargarh, Kasur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Gujranwala and Sargodha.

Pasrur town in Sialkot district was surrounded by flood water and cut off from the rest of the country. Jhelum river had entered the city of Jhelum and Chenab on the national highway when the two rivers rose into high flood following heavy rains in catchment areas.

Similarly River Indus, had inundated the district of Attock bordering the Frontier Province.

In the Frontier Province the districts of Mansehra, Bannu, Dera Ismail Khan and Swat bore the brunt of floods and rains, with Mansehra being the worst victim.

Rains broke all previous records in July in Islamabad registering 500 millimetres of rainfall in the month.

PLO cautiously welcomes Hussein's move

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Palestinian people... that would not be in Jordan's interest."

The Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is trying to mediate between Jordan and the PLO to eliminate differences in viewpoints and re-establishing relations.

The Israeli government came under right-wing pressure today to annex the occupied West Bank and Gaza, where Palestinians have been in revolt for nearly eight months, to fill a vacuum left by Jordan.

"This is the time for Israel to stake its claim openly, explicitly and to declare its sovereignty over the entire area, a member of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party told reporters.

Annexing "The alternative would be the Palestinian PLO organisation," said Yuval Ne'eman, a member of the Knesset (parliament).

Political sources said Israeli right-wing ministers Ariel Sharon and Yitzhak Mordechai also proposed annexing the West Bank and Gaza—at a meeting of the 10-member inner cabinet.

Israel radio said Mordechai told the meeting Israel should initiate moves rather than wait for further moves by King Hussein.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, refused to confirm or deny that annexation proposals were discussed at the inner cabinet session.

But he said that, although the government believed the West Bank was part of Israel, it had to respect international agreements, especially the 1978 Camp David accord with Egypt.

Iraq raids Iranian gas plant again

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only damage the peace process and don't believe the UN leader is not keen on achieving peace."

Iraq has twice refused to accept from Perez de Cuellar a copy of his proposed peace timetable, a senior diplomat said at the UN today.

An Arab League committee set up to monitor the war ended a meeting in Baghdad today with a declaration of support for Iraq's insistence on face-to-face talks.

"The committee calls on the international community and the UN Security Council member states... to boost efforts to guarantee a just, comprehensive and durable settlement for the conflict, through direct negotiations," said the committee, whose members include Iraq.

Tehran Radio, dismissed the committee's support, which it noted was expressed after a meeting in Baghdad.

Reflects "Its position in no way reflects that of all member countries of the Arab League," the radio said.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei told a rally yesterday that Iran doubted UN negotiations could achieve peace and said if Iraq insisted on direct talks, Iran would set conditions of its own.

But Perez de Cuellar commented: "I have to be very careful about these public statements... sometimes they don't reflect exactly the thinking of the leaders who address the press."

In an interview with Iranian television from the United Nations, Velayati called for a ban on the export of materials used to manufacture chemical weapons.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larjani arrived in Moscow today for talks on mutual and regional issues, Tehran Radio reported.

The United States has condemned Iraq for use of chemical weapons in the war, which a UN report had the day before called "intensive and frequent."

Fire on US aircraft carrier

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (Reuters): An engine-room fire aboard the US aircraft carrier Constellation off California injured about 20 crew members but did not disable the ship, a Navy spokesman said today.

He said fire broke out in one of the engine rooms just after noon (1900 GMT) yesterday as the conventionally powered carrier was steaming out of San Diego on a training cruise.

Wedding tragedy

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 3. (Reuters): A wedding in Quetta ended in tragedy when a guest lost control of the rifle he was firing into the air and killed four men, the Associated Press of Pakistan news agency reported.

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US holding \$12b in Iran's assets

THE HAGUE, Aug. 3, (AP): The United States is holding billions of dollars worth of impounded Iranian military equipment, and Iran has raised the issue in connection with American hostages in Lebanon.

Statements last week by Iran's acting commander-in-chief, Hashemi Rafsanjani, marked the third time since the 1979 seizure of the 52 American hostages at the US Embassy in Tehran that the issue of Iranian assets frozen by the United States has been linked to American hostages.

"If he is talking about military equipment, then the arbitration of Iran's claim against the United States for the value of spare parts and other equipment ordered before the revolution is continuing," said an American official at the Iran-US claims tribunal.

The tribunal is adjudicating billions of dollars worth of claims arising out of the 1979 Iranian revolution.

Iran has filed a \$12-billion claim against the United States for the military equipment and spare parts, the largest claim before the tribunal. Iran seeks delivery of the equipment or payment of its value.

The military material was ordered by Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's government through the US government's foreign military sales programme.

Transfer of the equipment to Iran, as well as billions of dollars of Iranian funds on deposit in American banks, was frozen by the US government after the seizure of the embassy hostages.

The Algiers accord that resulted in freedom for the hostages in January 1981 also unblocked the Iranian assets.

But despite the Algiers accord, the military equipment, much of which was already paid for, was then impounded by the US government to prevent its use in the Iran-Iraq war.

"We do have a hunch of their (Iran's) stuff, and there's no question that it's their stuff," said a tribunal official.

In August 1980, almost 10 months after the hostage seizure, Iran said at the United Nations that the United States' release of the frozen Iranian funds would be a "symbolic gesture" that might speed the Iranian parliament's debate on the fate of the 52 American hostages.

Israeli troops punish Palestinians

Army destroy W. Bank homes

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 3, (UPI): Soldiers using bulldozers, tractors or explosive charges demolished the homes of 10 Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank today as a punishment because they allegedly threw Molotov cocktails at Army and civilian vehicles.

The demolitions came a day after soldiers shot and killed an 18-year-old West Bank resident and wounded four others in sporadic violence on Tuesday following the expulsion of eight Palestinians earlier in the week.

The Army said soldiers demolished three houses and sealed another house in the village of Beit Ummar, 20 km south of Jerusalem, to punish several people accused of throwing Molotov cocktails at Army patrols and Israeli buses.

The Army said an attack carried out by the group on June 14 seriously burned two Israeli soldiers.

Soldiers also destroyed four houses in Jelazoun refugee camp, 20 km north of Jerusalem, one in Jammala and two in Deir Ammar, twin villages about 35 km northeast of Jerusalem, the Army said.

The soldiers used tractors, bulldozers or explosive charges to destroy the houses, an Army spokesman said.

Emergency security laws dating from the British mandate period allow Israeli soldiers to demolish homes as a collective punishment against the families of people accused of terrorist acts. Demolition of houses is often used to punish those accused of manufacturing, storing or throwing explosive devices.

Death toll

On Tuesday, soldiers opened fire on Allah Al Din Al Akbar after they spotted him standing on a roof in Nablus preparing to throw a large cinderblock on an Army patrol, an Army spokesman said. Akbar was hit in the abdomen.

An Army official confirmed the death but said the Palestinian was shot as he was about to hurl a brick from a rooftop at a soldier standing below.

The death brought to 236 the number of Palestinians killed since the uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip began last Dec. 9. Four Israelis have also died.

Throughout the occupied territories on Tuesday, Palestinians shuttered shops and halted transport for a second straight day to protest Israel's deportation policy.

The strike was fuelled by the expulsion on Monday of eight more Palestinians accused of inciting the rebellion. The expulsion brought the number of deportations since the uprising began to 29.

The chief Army prosecutor, Lt. Col. Amnon Strasnov, described the deportees as "encouragers and inciters in the territories who have played a substantial role in" the uprising.

He said the deportations were an effective deterrent, adding that the policy had to be carried out selectively.

Beatings

Disturbances in Nablus and the nearby Balata refugee camp broke out after the killing of the 18-year-old, and nine Palestinians were wounded by Army gunfire, officials at two Nablus hospitals said.

Seven Arabs were injured by rubber bullets and beatings, doctors said.

The Army official said he only had reports of two Palestinians

being injured in Nablus either by live gunfire or rubber bullets.

In the West Bank village of Dura, about 40 kilometres south of Jerusalem, troops shot and wounded two Arabs, the Army said.

In the Gaza Strip's Shati refugee camp, troops fired tear gas after demonstrators violated a curfew and stoned an Army patrol, an Arab reporter said.

Officials at Shifa Hospital said two Palestinians suffered bullet wounds and another was beaten by soldiers at Shati. An Army spokesman confirmed that Israeli soldiers shot and wounded two Palestinians.

Gathering

But a Molotov cocktail thrown at an Israeli car late last night prompted a gathering of West Bank settlers who blocked the main Jerusalem-Hebron road overnight, Israeli Radio said. The Army dispersed the spontaneous demonstration, the radio said.

Clashes broke out this morning in Nablus, the West Bank's largest city as shopkeepers extended for a third day the two-day commercial strike observed throughout the territories on Monday and Tuesday.



Adela Abdu, wife of Lu'al Abdu, one of the eight Palestinians deported by Israel, with her five-day-old baby son Abdu saw for the first time, hours before he was expelled to Lebanon. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bourguiba spends his birthday in seclusion

TUNIS, Aug. 3, (Reuters): Former President Habib Bourguiba spent his birthday today in seclusion and with none of the pomp and splendour that marked the occasion when he was in power.

Instead the anniversary — the first since Bourguiba was declared senile and removed from office last November — passed amid apparent national indifference.

As the new regime of President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali dismantles the trappings of Bourguiba's 30-year rule, even the ex-head of state's age — officially 85, but probably 87 according to a recent biography — is now openly in dispute.

Far from his east coast home town of Monastir, where he celebrated previous birthdays with fanfare, Bourguiba has been held under medical supervision on a cypress, tree-lined estate south of Tunis since his enforced retirement.

Family friends said no special celebration was planned on his birthday which is no longer a national holiday and was ignored by official media.

Song banned

A song traditionally broadcast to mark the occasion, lauding the prowess of the "supreme lighter," has been banned and no birthday cannon will be fired in Monastir.

Bourguiba used to visit his magnificent mausoleum at the time of his birthday, but work on it has been stopped.

The authorities have not replied to a request by the ex-president to spend the summer in skanes palace, near Monastir, family friends said.

They said Bourguiba read daily newspapers, watched television and took regular walks in the garden of the well-guarded estate at Mornag.

These walks, when he was in power at Carthage Palace, would be broadcast daily on television. His summertime swims, with dives into the sea in his younger days from rocks on Monastir beach, could also be seen nationwide.

Manila rejects prisoners swap

MANILA, Aug. 3, (Reuters): The Philippine government rejected today any prisoners swap with communist rebels, saying this would give them virtual status as a separate government.

"There is to be no exchange. The military victims are not prisoners of war. They are only kidnappers," Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos told reporters, referring to five soldiers held hostage by the guerrillas for 64 days.

The rejection came on the eve of resumption of talks between the rebels and a civilian group for the release of the hostages held in a mountain retreat 70 km south-east of Manila.

The civilian negotiators include Public Works Secretary Juanito Ferrer, a congressman, a provincial governor and an ex-Philippine Supreme Court justice.

they were acting in a private capacity on behalf of the soldiers' families.

The rebels demand the release of two jailed communist leaders and three women political prisoners in exchange for the soldiers, whom they call "prisoners of war."

They also asked that an independent group, to include a representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross, be formed to monitor human rights violations. They said civilians should not be forced into joining anti-communist militia units.

Threat

The rebels have threatened to kill a kidnapped foreigner, believed to be an American, and his Filipino wife if the military attempts to "rescue" them, a military official said today.

Pre-marital pregnancy rate rising in China

BEIJING, Aug. 3, (UPI): An influx of thousands of single female workers into a special economic zone in southern China is sending premarital pregnancy rates skyrocketing and wreaking havoc with marriages, official news reports said today.

Nearly 10 per cent of 10,000 unmarried women factory workers in a single district of the Shenzhen special economic zone became pregnant in 1987, the official English-language China Daily said.

The zone, set up as a free-market experiment, employs about 250,000 temporary female workers, most of them single. The women are forbidden from marrying in the economic zone because they do not have Shenzhen residency status.

Local officials told the China Youth newspaper the single women working in Shenzhen are suffering "extreme anxiety" because of the vast imbalance between men and women in the factories. At one plastic bag manufacturing plant all but five of 205 temporary workers are women. "Providing female workers with sexual satisfaction is even more difficult than reducing conflicts between management and labour," the newspaper said.

Clubs

Efforts have been made to set up social clubs and dance halls to occupy their free time but "it was later found that what the female workers really wanted was sexual satisfaction," the China Youth said.

The China Daily report said the free-wheeling economic zone has been visited by a wide variety of vices and problems related to sex since its founding.

"Premarital pregnancies is not the only problem in these processing factories. The number of homosexuals and prostitutes was continuing to rise and so was the number of divorces," China Daily said. Affairs between married men and temporary workers caused a majority of the 45 divorces reported last year to the women's federation in Shenzhen's Nantou district, it said.

Martial law imposed on Rangoon after rallies

BANGKOK, Aug. 3, (Reuters): Burma's state radio said martial law was put in effect in the capital, Rangoon, today.

A special announcement monitored in Bangkok did not explain the reason for the emergency measure and said a fuller announcement would be broadcast later.

Witnesses said scores of students held anti-government rallies in the heart of Rangoon briefly during the afternoon but dispersed without violence. They said no troops or police were in evidence during the rallies.

It was the first time martial law had been declared in the capital since bloody anti-government riots in 1974.

Strike

Clashes between demonstrators and police in many parts of Burma over the past five months, which dissidents said led to more than 200 people dead, led to the replacement of 77-year-old strongman Ne Win by Sein Lwin.

Authorities admitted 41 people suffocated to death after being squeezed into a single prison van after a demonstration in March. The Prime Minister, Interior Minister and Rangoon



Sein Lwin

police chief were all dismissed. Rangoon residents who witnessed today's demonstrations said merchants closed and shuttered their shops during student rallies but resumed business after students dispersed.

Sein Lwin, who had directed suppression of opposition to Ne Win's 26 years in power, is now

chairman of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party and the country's President. Last Friday, authorities detained former Brigadier-General Aung Gyi, the most outspoken critic of the government and at least 10 other suspected dissidents.

Rangoon was briefly put under dusk-to-dawn curfew and public gatherings were banned in the aftermath of the March and June riots.

Martial law was imposed on Prom, a city of 150,000 people on the Irrawaddy River nearly 320 km northwest of the capital on July 22 after six days of riots.

Officials said the trouble in Prom, Ne Win's home town, stemmed from a tea-shop brawl which caused "misunderstanding" between the dominant Buddhists and minority Muslims.

The declaration came one week after Sein Lwin, known for his ruthless suppression of dissidents, assumed power. Lwin said moral decay and political corruption have caused citizens to lose faith in the government.

In Remarks to Burma's leadership yesterday, Sein Lwin also urged the government to adopt economic reforms.

Yaqub Khan begins visit to Moscow

MOSCOW, Aug. 3, (AP): Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, arrived in Moscow on a working visit last night as Soviet media stepped up their attacks on his country for allegedly violating UN-brokered accords on Afghanistan.

The official Tass news agency accused Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq of "hostile" actions against the Soviet Union, and charged his country with direct involvement in "terrorist activity" in Afghanistan.

Tass said Yaqub Khan's talks with Soviet officials are expected to focus on Afghanistan and the implementation of international agreements regarding the civil war in Afghanistan that the Kremlin claims the Pakistanis are violating.

The Soviets say Pakistan is

ignoring agreements against arming guerrillas that are fighting the Moscow-backed Kabul government of Pakistan Najib. Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfilov told a government news briefing that the Afghan armed opposition has been strengthening its combat potential because of an unceasing supply of weapons and munitions from Pakistan.

The Pakistani foreign minister will hold talks with his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze, Perfilov told the news briefing.

The Soviets started withdrawing their more than 100,000 soldiers from Afghanistan on May 15 under the agreement signed April 14 in Geneva by the United States, the Soviet Union, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The pullout is to be completed by Feb 15.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jahriya houses a collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

SOCIAL

German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Malayalam debate

A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The topics are: The social foundation of popular cinema (Aug 5); a discussion on the important creations of Malayalam cinema (Aug 12); The different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19). The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun 4814477.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradayil — 2422973.

D'Assail Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August on 5746754 after 6 pm.

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Bangladesh variety show

Bangladesh children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayali or Farzana.

HOTELS

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also offered. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. Light refreshments are available at the Hang Babylon Gardens.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrazad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper Club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

The recreation club has new fitness courses in aerobics, swimming, yoga and weight-lifting, all manned by professional instructors.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab and international specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

Buffet meals are also offered at the Falaika restaurant. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30-3 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special — baked cheesecake — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily from 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

At the Ramada

El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

The take-away counter, opened daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

At the Continental

The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

Al Hamra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations and live music by solo harpist Harp Dreams.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Ahmadi.

Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

PBAK bowling tournament

The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimban 4843447.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

Kuwait Nomads

Kuwait Nomads pre-season training starts Sunday August 7 at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. For details contact 5642599.

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and suave detective

Simon Templar

5:00 Liqa Al Khamis:

weekly local show

6:30 General information

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7:45 With Islam: prepared

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Khalid Al Madhik-

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(And the Arab said):

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Comedy at 227, on KTV 2 on Friday at 9.30 pm.

ted by Dr Ahmadi

Abul Noor

11:15 Friday prayers

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religious serial bos-

ted by Kariman

Doctors have to work 50 hours per week

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health Dr Nael Al Nageeb recently approved new working hours of doctors in various health centres.

The new schedule, effective next month, stipulates a total of 50 hours per week for all doctors including general practitioners, paediatricians, doctors at child and mother care centres. Dentists, pharmacists, lab technicians and those working in diabetic clinics are also included.

The new 50 hours per week includes the actual working hours in addition to night shifts training hours and is intended to improve medical services.

General practitioners will work for seven hours daily for six days including Thursday in addition to eight hours of night shifts. Doctors in diabetic clinics will work for six hours daily for six days with 10 hours of night shifts and four hours training per week.

The only exception from the 50 hour work week applies to nurses who will work 42 hours per week.

Lenient judgement

THE Criminal Court refrained from passing sentence on a maid who travelled to Kuwait on a forged passport.

The court was told that the maid had previously worked in Kuwait for several years. However, her employer cancelled her residence and sent her back.

The maid altered her cancelled residence and succeeded in returning to Kuwait.

Kuwait participating in youths camp

KUWAIT will participate in the Arab Youths Camp to be held in Egypt from Aug 14 to 31.

The Kuwaiti delegation consists of five students and a supervisor.

The camp will include several sporting, cultural, social and religious activities, and visits to a number of touristic and historical places in Egypt.

The delegation met with the head of school activities department at the Ministry of Education, "Khaled" Al Harban, who placed the delegation to play an active role in the camp's activities.

Power failure due to technical fault

THE power failure in some areas of Almadia last Saturday was due to a technical fault in the pressure cable that connects Shuaiba power station with the Fintas area according to the Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah.

The minister denied that any terrorist activity was involved and said the fault was within the security area.

Repaired

The technical teams of the ministry repaired the damage and returned electrical power within a short time and new cables have been installed, he said.

Institute cautious in making investments

THE acting director of Public Institute for Social Securities Hamad Al Humaidi said extreme caution is taken in making investments inside and outside Kuwait.

He added these investments are from funds collected by subscriptions of employees. All profits of these investments are reinvested in new projects he added.

The official denied that the institute intends to reduce or increase the value of subscriptions of employees.

On retired employees working in the private sector, Al Humaidi said special conditions apply to retired employees receiving payment from the establishment and private companies simultaneously.

Kuwait helps in building hospital in S. Lebanon

DIRECTOR of the Jahra Health Area and supervisor of the Nabatiyeh Kuwaiti hospital in South Lebanon Dr Abdul Aziz Khalaf said he was notified that the hospital has started receiving patients.

He disclosed that Kuwait had donated more than KD1 million for constructing and equipping the hospital which was primarily built to serve the inhabitants of South Lebanon.

The concept for establishing the hospital was first mooted after the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon when South Lebanon was cut-off from the rest of Lebanon.

As there was no major hospital to serve the area and this endangered the lives of many people the hospital was built with a capacity of 75 beds which can be doubled in cases of emergency.



Dr Rqobah
Public Authority for Applied Education and Training in the usages and maintenance of electrical utilities.

Iraqi envoy in Amman

AMMAN, Aug 3. (AP): A special Iraqi envoy arrived today on a whirlwind tour to brief Arab leaders on Iraq's position in negotiations to end the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan delivered a letter to King Hussein on the prospects of Gulf peace, the official Jordan news agency reported.

The news agency said the letter, from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, dealt with the latest developments in the Iran-Iraq war and the ongoing negotiations at the United Nations to end it.

Ramadan visited Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and North Yemen before arriving in

Jordan's capital.

He is apparently seeking Arab support for Iraq's insistence on face-to-face negotiations with Iran before UN ceasefire Resolution 598 can be implemented.

Iran, too, was trying to lobby Arab governments, with Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Ahmed Besharati last week touring the Gulf Arab states of the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman to stress Iran's commitment to implementing a ceasefire.

Iran's Ambassador to the UAE, Mustafa Haeri, was in Bahrain today to deliver a message from Iranian President Ali Khamenei to the Amir, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa. The contents of the message were not disclosed.

Period in jail added to service

THE Cassation Court recently ruled that a government employee who spent nine years in jail was not absent from duty and this period should be added to his service at the ministry.

The case occurred over 30 years ago prior to the current labour law which terms jailed employees as having resigned from work.

Reappointed

The employee, Ahmad joined the ministry in July 1954, but, in May 1957 was jailed for nine years. In August 1966, when he was released, the ministry reappointed him after consulting the Council of Ministers.

Subsequently, Ahmad asked that the period he spent in jail be added to his service in the ministry, but, the request was refused.

The ministry took the stand that Ahmad was absent from his work for more than 15 years and was thus terminated from service.

However, the Court of First Instance, then the Court of Appeal and finally the Cassation Court ruled against the ministry's stand.

Based

The courts in arriving at their decision, based the judgement on a labour law of 1955 which did not necessarily consider employees as sacked if they were forcibly or against their wish prevented from going to work for over 15 days.

The courts considered that the employee was in fact stopped from going to work.

ROYAL COURT



Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah on the occasion of his return to the country yesterday from Baghdad and his report to HH on work of the seven-member Arab League committee in charge of monitoring developments of the Gulf war.

HH also received Somali Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mohamed Ali Homed who conveyed to HH a message from Somali President Siad Barre.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Soud Al Abdullah yesterday received at his office Deputy Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed.

HH also received a number of citizens at Public diwan.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Soud Al Abdullah received yesterday at his office Somali Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Mohammed Ali Homed and the accompanying delegation on the occasion of his visit to the country. Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Mohammed Al Mazidi and Somali ambassador to Kuwait attended the meeting.

Kuwait complains against Iran

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 3. (KUNA): Kuwait today urged the international community to put an end to the Iranian aggressions against its fishing boats sailing in its territorial waters.

On Saturday, July 23, a Kuwaiti fishing boat carrying six Egyptian fishermen engaged in their usual activities north east of Awha Island, in Kuwaiti territorial waters, was deliberately attacked by an armed Iranian speedboat which approached from the east.

The attack killed three of the fishermen and wounded the other three.

In a letter to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar distributed as a document of the

Security Council, Kuwaiti Charge d'Affaires Mohammad Saad Al Sallal said: "Kuwait demands that there should be no repetition of such unjustified aggression, which only increases the tension in the region."

He said Kuwait also reserves the right to claim appropriate compensation for the human and material losses resulting from this attack.

Fifth Marine Week opens today

THE Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah will today open the Fifth Marine Week.

The activities have been organised at the Green Island of the Water Front Project and will continue for nine days.

Delegations from the GCC states will participate for the first time since the beginning of the event in 1980.

Activities include a Kuwaiti traditional wedding party, bazaars, childrens' festival, marine shows and marine arts, he said.

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour will also participate through the summer club members, scouts and members of childrens' gardens. Additionally, the Fire Department will participate, including the Ministries of Defence and Interior.

The Kuwaiti swimmer Jamal Al Yamani will try and swim 32 kilometres from Kuwait Towers to the venue of the festival.

Kuwait television and radio will transmit the opening of the festival which will include a skiing exhibition and modern sailboats.

Safafir souq has a traditional atmosphere

By Mahmoud Mursi

LIKE every old souq in Kuwait, the Safafir souq has a traditional atmosphere and is popular with people who meet each day to discuss their affairs in a Kuwaiti-orientated style.

This souq is considered one of the handicraft markets in Kuwait, and, though, generally empty, sounds of work originating from shops gives one the feeling of activity.

Part

Ghoulam Ibrahim, an Iranian who spent 45 years working at the Safafir souq says that it was a part of the old Sallah souq before the government removed it.

Old Kuwaiti handicraft experts worked at the market a long time ago and he said he started his first job at the souq working along with members of the Al Safir family. However, now, the market has only Indian, Iranian and Pakistani workers.

He specialises in making coffee mortars and varnishing kitchen items and said he pays KD70

each month as rent. But, as business is stagnant it becomes difficult to meet the monthly rents he added.

Jadallah Sadiq an Iranian and Saleh Ibrahim from Egypt both owners of one shop say they deal with light blacksmith jobs and their prices range from 100 fils to KD1.

Activities

Haj Qamar Al Din from India working in the souq since 15 years works an average of 12 hours daily. He deals in tanks and said activities at the souq are very slow. Mahdi Al Haddad, a 61-year-old Kuwaiti, who supervises work says that the fibre-glass business has slowed down as people do not realise that these fibre-glass water tanks are better than conventional ones.

Dead

He added that business is dead as crude materials prices have increased from KD60 to KD120 per ton. Rents are higher than before and most of the items produced by Al Safafir souq are now imported from Syria, Baghdad and other places, he added.



A lot of sweat with little profit to show.

One dies as land caves in

By Salem Al Wawan

AN IRANIAN worker died and another is in coma after the ground they were working on caved in.

The accident occurred as the two men were repairing a broken water pipe in the Sulabikhat area last morning.

According to reports, the owners of a house on Tuesday informed the emergency department of the Ministry of Water and Electricity that the water pipe to her house had broken and accordingly water supply was cut off.

The two Iranian workers came to repair the pipe when the land suddenly collapsed burying both the workers. One, seriously injured later died at the Orthopaedic Hospital while the other went into a coma and is being treated.



The hole where the two workers were buried

Australia to join UN Gulf observer force

CANBERRA, Australia, Aug 3. (AP): Australia has agreed to a United Nations request to take part in an observer force to be sent to the Gulf if Iran and Iraq agree on a ceasefire, Defence Minister Kim Beazley said today.

Beazley said the UN request had been made last week.

He said both Iran and Iraq would first have to agree to Australian participation in the 250-strong force, which would be made up of representatives from up to 18 countries.

Comprise

He said the Australian contingent would be commanded by a lieutenant colonel and would comprise military officers of major and captain rank.

Some would be drawn from the Australian contingent in the UN observer force in Lebanon. They would only wear sidearms.

One Australian officer in the Lebanon observer force was killed while on patrol earlier this year when his Land Rover hit a mine on the Israeli border.

In a separate development, the Italian Senate has approved a decree providing financing for Italy's naval task force in the Gulf through the end of 1988.

The decree, passed by the chamber of deputies on July 17, provides 84 billion lira (\$63 million) for the fleet.

The provision was supported by Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita's five-party coalition, which holds a comfortable majority in both houses of parliament.

Narcotic preparations

THE Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak has issued a resolution permitting physicians in Kuwait to keep some quantities of narcotic preparations for emergencies.

The resolution requires physicians to submit an application to the narcotics licence division and follow procedures of the ministerial regulation No. 383/88 with respect to recording, storing and payment for these narcotics.

The minister also issued another resolution which determine procedures for obtaining a licence to import, export or transport narcotic preparations used for medical purposes.

Let restaurants remain open past midnight, plead owners

By Jamal Amin

OWNERS of restaurants in Kuwait have repeatedly called for abolishing the current law which prohibits restaurants from operating after midnight.

A local daily interviewed some owners and customers to highlight this issue.

Adel Ahmed, an owner at Khaitan area said that restaurants could be classified as being important facilities necessary for citizens and expatriates.

Activity

He said that restaurants witnessed significant activity from 8:00 pm till after midnight and closing at 12:00 midnight did not provide sufficient working hours and consequently business.

Ahmed pointed out that the supper meal is an important meal, particularly for families spending the week-end away from home.

Anwar Al Atrabi a chef at one of the restaurants said that the eating process could not be subjected to a specific schedule and restaurants should not be committed to specific working hours.

This was even more so in Kuwait where there were a num-

ber of bachelors who depended on restaurants for their meals.

He said that the preferred food was mostly kabab, shita and roasted outlets in addition to fast meals. Prices ranged from 100 fils for a sandwich to 850 fils for a meal.

Requirements

Kamel Abdul Mohsen an owner of an Iraqi restaurant said that the working hours should be extended particularly for restaurants situated at highways or those located near the International Airport in order to meet the requirements of arrivals or departures in general and the transit passengers in particular.

He added that his restaurant suffered from insufficient parking facilities.

Mohammed Mustafa Ali an owner of a cafeteria complained about the maltreatment from municipality inspectors and said inspectors should play a guidance and directive role.

Considerate

He said there were some circumstances beyond the control of the owners such as dust blowing into establishments and inspectors should be aware and considerate under these circumstances he added.



A popular restaurant

Adri Mohammed and Jassem Mohammed said that restaurants in Kuwait were extending good services particularly for bachelors and hoped that the authorities would extend the working hours up to 1:00 am instead of 12:00 midnight.

Students interviewed

KUWAIT'S Public Authority for Applied Education and Training recently began interviewing students wishing to join the customs training course.

According to a local daily the director of planning, co-ordination and training at the authority was quoted as saying the course aimed to cover the shortage of trained staff at government authorities.

The course will be attended by 75 students and those successful would be appointed as 1st customs Officers he added.

In an interview with the daily, the director general of Kuwait's Customs Department Ibrahim Al Ghanem said this training course was not the first of its kind and that co-operation between his department and the authority dated back to nine years.

He added that another training course is to be organised shortly in the area of customs checking and said that the various training courses organised so far aimed at upgrading the customs department's activities.



The Algerian Ambassador to Kuwait Hasnawi Khaled (left) receiving a guest at a farewell party held in his honour. Kuwait's Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen looks on.

LETTERS & EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

PEACE comes from within. Do not seek it without. — Buddha (about 563 BC — 483 BC).

King Hussein's West Bank move

Pressure mounts on Palestinians

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): King Hussein's decision to abandon claims to the West Bank seems designed to force the Palestine Liberation Organisation to take responsibility for Middle East peace-making, US analysts said on Monday.

"It has to shift the burden on (to) the PLO," said Clyde Marks, a Middle East expert with the US Library of Congress. "They become the main negotiators, the guardians of the Palestinian cause."

While most experts interviewed by Reuters believe the peace plan authorized by Secretary of State George Shultz is effectively dead, they said Hussein's action could be an important step in resolving for the future a thorny obstacle to Middle East peace — who will represent Palestinians?

Said former US State Department official James Placke: "I think Hussein is just fed up and decided to let them (Palestinians) stew in their own juice, being confident the PLO will not be an effective leader."

Plan
Shultz, in the plan he initiated last February, cast Jordan as the prime negotiator for the Palestinians at peace talks with Israel under an international conference.

The plan failed to garner serious support, however, in large part because Palestinians, backed by Arab states, insisted their only legitimate representative was the PLO, with which Israel and the United States refuse to deal because they consider it a terrorist organisation.

Hussein, under increasing attack for Jordan's role in the West Bank since Palestinians there began an uprising against Israeli occupiers last December, has appeared frustrated and concerned at his loss of political clout.

"From time to time he gets to the point where he feels he can't do anything more. The frustration builds up (but his response has) never been as dramatic as this," one US official told Reuters.

Hussein announced on Sunday he was ending 38 years of administrative and legal ties with the West Bank in deference to PLO demands for an independent Palestinian state.

Burkina Faso still in the shadow of Sankara

By Brian Killen

OUAGADOUGOU, (Reuters): Burkina Faso celebrates the fifth anniversary of its revolution this week still in the shadow of the late President Thomas Sankara, the flamboyant Army captain slain in a coup last October.

Western diplomats said political uncertainty in Burkina Faso, which changed its name from Upper Volta in 1983 and is one of the world's poorest nations, could put a damper on today's August 4 festivities.

The date is still associated with Sankara, who seized power five years ago and captured the imagination of the people with his unorthodox rule.

"There will be just as much slogan-chanting and clenched fist gesturing at this year's celebrations but the public might not be so enthusiastic as in the past," one diplomat said.

The new leader, Captain Blaise Compaore, differs from his predecessor in style and personality. He is much quieter and more pragmatic. Sankara was a fine speaker and very popular with young people who saw him as a symbol of the revolution.

Attacked
Compaore, a 36-year-old paratrooper, has openly attacked Sankara for his autocratic style.

The most complete denunciation was contained in a booklet distributed to foreign journalists recently explaining how and why the leader of the 1983 revolution was overthrown.

Entitled "Memorandum on the events of October 15, 1987," the detailed and complicated 48-page document gave the official version of the plots and counterplots which it said led to the coup and Sankara's death.

"Isolated by the people, who

Last week, Jordan cancelled a five-year development plan to spend \$1.3 billion in the West Bank and dissolved the lower house of Parliament, where West Bank deputies held half the seats. Officials say other measures will follow.

Jordan unilaterally annexed the West Bank in 1950. Jordanian currency and law still hold there and Hussein has provided a variety of services that affect daily living.

But the territory has been occupied by Israel since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Hussein, by his recent actions, is "trying to show that Palestinian have to take the lead in trying to bring about negotiations," but whether Palestinians can develop a political agenda that is "reasonable and workable" is questionable, the US official said.

Pragmatic political considerations are at work.

A majority of Jordan's population is Palestinian and Hussein is trying to maintain a fragile political balance that has allowed his family to rule Jordan for decades.

Alternative
The king is making clear "Jordan is not an alternative to a Palestinian state," said Charles Perry of the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis in Cambridge, Mass.

This is not the first time Hussein has pulled back after getting out ahead of other Arabs in talking peace with Israel.

Hussein has watched Arab states pay less attention to the Palestinian problem to recent years as it worsened and as he came under greater attack. Also, Israel has remained divided on approaches to peace, making it harder for Hussein to move forward even if he wanted to.

"None of them have the clout to do anything about it, so Hussein figures, 'I will get out of it too and leave it to the Palestinians,'" said Marks.

The analysts were universally pessimistic about any major new developments emerging this year from Shultz's peace plan.

But Perry suggested Hussein's action, rather than a sign of the failure of Shultz's plan, may signal that discussions involving the United States, Israel and Jordan "have reached the point where it is tactically sensible for Hussein to draw back and push the Palestinians ahead a bit more."

ended up being tired with his hollow and childish exhibitionism, the president and his military and civilian supporters developed militaristic views and practices," it said.

"Countless political, economic and social measures were taken without debate, inquiry or preliminary study," it added.

Sankara planned to eliminate Compaore and other senior members of government, including Defence Minister Jean-Baptiste Lingani and Economic Promotion Minister Henri Zongo, it added.

Plots
There were even plots within plots as some of Sankara's supporters planned to take power for themselves at a later date, it said. It named former secret police chief Vincent Sigue and Army Commander Boukary Kabore, nicknamed "The Lion of Boukidiem."

"Even madmen were dreaming of taking the reins of the nation," it added.

Burkina Faso was on the brink of civil war, it said, and the coup prevented a pointless bloodbath.

Compaore has rescinded some of the decisions taken by Sankara. He lifted a ban on fruit imports, lowered the price of beer and freed civil servants from their obligation to wear the country's traditional cotton costume known as "fuso dan fani."

"Compaore also seems more interested in broadening the body politic, bringing in elements from the centre and right," one diplomat said. "The economy continues to be state-controlled, but there has been a lot of talk about giving the private sector a greater role."

He does not yet have total control of the country, diplomats said, but there are no serious threats to his rule.

Expatriates are exploited

SIR: The chief minister of Kerala state, India, has advertised in the local press (AT July 31) soliciting contributions from Gulf expatriates to raise a fund to compensate the bereaved families of those who perished in the tragic Perumun train accident on July 8.

Presumably, similar advertisements might have appeared in other countries where there are expatriate communities.

The cause is indeed laudable and deserves co-operation on humanitarian grounds.

However, how many grievances (including the much debated unjustified air fare and insignificant duty-free allowance which over the years continue to be a burning volcano) of the oppressed Gulf expatriates have been redressed by the present or the past governments (both state and central) except when someone raises an issue at random (obviously under motivated pressure) in the Parliament or state assembly and leaves it just as it is until pressure mounts again?

Expatriates have always been and are their milking cow, panacea for financial problems and paradoxically the most neglected, the most exploited. Everybody needs his petrodollars, let what may happen to him and his problems either in hell or in heaven.

It would perhaps have been more appropriate if such official appeals (if at all necessary) were released through the Indian embassy, the representative body of our country.

Notwithstanding those co-operating, better issue relief stamps and let each family in Kerala donate rupee one or more and the contribution of the Gulf expatriates, will automatically become included in the same (of course, with due regard to proper accounting as otherwise it would spell yet another catastrophe).

C.K. Satyara, Safat.

Stop signs ignored

SIR: On my arrival in Kuwait after a long stay abroad, I found "Stop" signs painted on the roads at appropriate places. It is a very important safety measure for drivers. Wherever this system is put into practice it dramatically reduces the number of accidents. It has prevented many head-on collisions.

Readers may know that in the USA and in most other countries, drivers have to come to a complete stop at these signs. They have to stop irrespective of whether they see a car coming or not. Stopping is mandatory.

In Kuwait, according to my observation, the drivers generally don't stop. They merely slow down or when they see the road clear, drive on with speed.

Those who stop at these "Stop" signs are in danger of being hit by the car coming from behind. I urge the traffic department to make it clear whether car drivers have to come to a complete stop or they are required to stop only if they see a car coming from the other side and the driver senses danger.

The traffic department must have clarified the traffic procedure to the public. Nevertheless seeing a car which came at a screaming halt recently behind a car which had stopped at the sign, I felt I must bring this problem to the attention of the traffic department.

Sayed Mahboob Shah, Safat.

Stretching a point

SIR: I continue to be surprised by the articles on traffic and transport that regularly feature in the Arab Times. The latest (July 24) claims that "statistics have revealed that 73 per cent of Kuwait's population use pick-ups and taxi cabs for their daily transportation". As usual, your report makes no reference as to the source of the "statistics".

Between October and December of last year we interviewed 30,000 motorists and 50,000 household residents of Kuwait, asking questions about daily travel behaviour on behalf of the Municipality. Your readers may be interested to learn that these surveys showed that less than 0.2 per cent of all household residents claimed to use taxis or vanettes for travel during the normal morning or lunchtime peak periods. For those vehicles stopped at selected roadside locations, we found that the occupants of taxis amounted to less than two per cent of the total number of people travelling on the roads in the peak periods. This proportion rises to 10 per cent if taxis, pick-ups, vanettes and vans of all types are included.

Although it is often claimed that "statistics" can be used to prove just about anything, in this case I think you might be stretching a point.

Richard H. Cuthbert, Safat.

Tuition fees exorbitant

SIR: This refers to John C. Davies' letter "Judge by the achievements" (AT, July 7-8).

It seems Davies is quite a lucky man. Probably, he works in one of the companies that pays tuition fees for three children up to 16 years old.

The fees for them can come to about KD4,800 per year. It is no secret that parents who do not pay tuition fees from their own incomes would not even bother if the schools charged KD100,000. It bothers them when they have to pay from their own pockets for other school activities.

On an average students have to pay KD850 to KD1,300 per year. In return, the schools provide them with an average of one or one and half teacher per class of 35 students for a 142-day school term.

The schools spend about KD750 per class per month. They easily make a staggering KD25,000 per year per class or KD1.5 million per year. It is no secret that the Ministry of Education allows the schools to increase their profit by five per cent, apart from summer classes.

At this rate, it will soon be profitable to send me and our children schooling on the moon.

Zin Mar Way, Safat.

Using Sinhalese

SIR: It's very funny to receive a post card from the Kuwait Airways office in Colombo in Sinhalese language only. Even Sri Lanka's national air carrier Air Lanka never sends any letters in Sinhalese. Then why should the Kuwait Airways follow this abnormal procedure?

What happened to English or Arabic?

The staff of the Kuwait Airways in Colombo are not decent or polite enough. They are very rude to visitors and, they mostly speak in Sinhalese, not English. If they find a visitor who can't speak in Sinhalese he or she will get step-motherly treatment from the Kuwait Airways staff in Colombo.

I hope the Kuwait Airways authorities will take the necessary steps to follow the international standard of airlines.

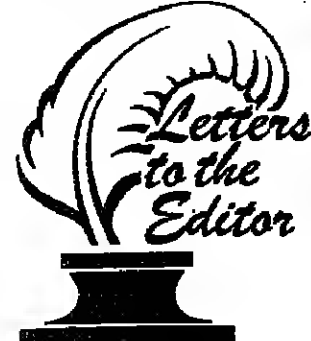
B. Benjamin, Safat.

Winners' list never published

SIR: Some establishments in Kuwait announce in newspapers wide range of prizes like car, air tickets, etc., against coupons given for purchases of their products/services.

But even after weeks of the lottery draw date, the list of the winners is never announced in the newspapers.

Thousands of people bought household/electronic goods from Muthanna Complex and exchanged invoices against coupons. But the winners' list



never appeared in the newspapers. When enquired, the in-charge of one of the participating shops said that it would appear in the newspapers. But so far nothing.

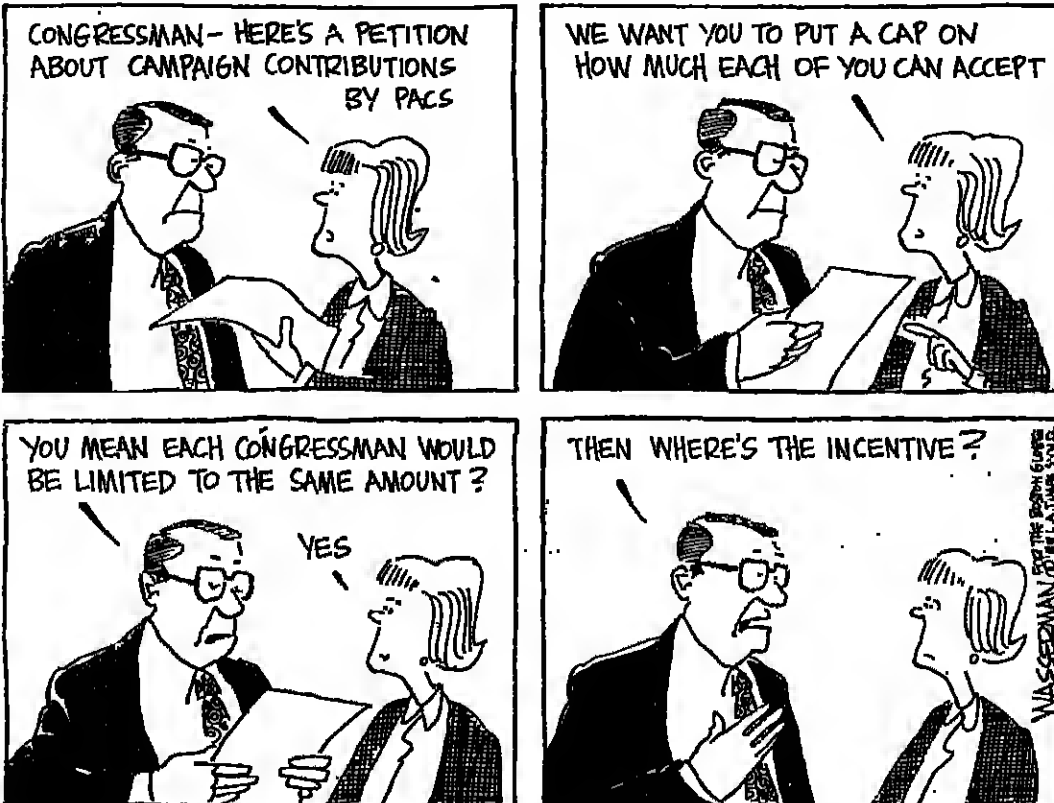
Similar is the case with the beverage industry. Canada Dry has not announced the list of winners. Another farce is the RC's label inside the crown. Nobody has seen nor heard it matching.

Such farce beguiles customers into buying things, services, even if there is no such need, tempted by the prizes. Authorities should look into such practices.

But there are exceptions like the draws often conducted by The Sultan Centre. The draws are conducted on the announced dates and in the presence of the clients.

A victim, (Name and address supplied)

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Israeli cash sweep is newest front for Palestinian uprising

By Peter Smerdon

BEIT SAHOUR, West Bank, (Reuters): Israel has turned a new bureaucratic weapon against the Palestinian uprising in its occupied territories.

Israeli authorities are sweeping towns for cash from taxes, car licences and identity cards in an effort they say will show Palestinians the money they take up civil disobedience, the more Israel will force obedience.

Leaders of the 1.5 million Palestinians counter that the harder Israel pushes, the more people will turn to civil disobedience. Tax collectors, escorted by troops, have visited towns and villages, demanding overdue payments or confiscating identity cards or property. Roadblocks have also been set up at which drivers are ordered to produce evidence of payment of taxes.

"You cannot imagine how angry the people are," mayor Elias Freij of the West Bank town of Bethlehem told Reuters. "I called for an end to this punishment but it just gets worse and worse."

Boycott
Palestinians, eight months into an anti-Israeli uprising, have boycotted tax payments and — among residents like the 9,000 townspeople of Beit Sahour — have set up "popular committees" as a bureaucratic alternative to Israeli control.

Palestinians and even leftist Israelis view Beit Sahour as a model of popular revolt.

"We salute rebellious Beit Sahour," said the latest set of rules for revolt issued by the united leadership of the uprising. "Follow Beit Sahour's example in confronting the taxmen."

The authorities view Beit Sahour and communities like it as a threat to Israeli control over the West Bank and Gaza Strip, captured from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war.

A tax strike has cost authorities in the territories 40 per cent of their income the last fiscal year. Even so, West Bank analyst Meron Benvenisti said Israel would receive \$40-50 million a year more than it spent.

Benvenisti, director of the West Bank Data Project, an independent study group, added: "Israeli policy is now to harass the Palestinians in any way possible."

Troops raided Beit Sahour for taxes on July 7, and one in every 30 townspeople gave up Israeli identity cards in protest. Eight local leaders were arrested the following day, and the jailed without trial.

Israeli measures taken in recent weeks include:

● Army roadblocks and raids to force Arabs to pay or lose their identity cards or even cars.

● A so-called road safety campaign forcing owners of the 25,000 cars in the Gaza Strip to change vehicle licences and pay a new car tax of about \$150-200.

● A changeover of Gaza Strip identity cards to raise \$6 million dollars and, according to Israeli Army chief of staff Dan Shomron, increase dependence on Israeli authorities.

● An end to free treatment for casualties from the uprising at West Bank government hospitals. There has also been a rise in the cost of other hospitalisations to the equivalent of a month's wages for most Palestinians — this to more evenly spread the cost of health care, an Israeli spokesman said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1539 — Ghent breaks into open rebellion against Mary of Hungary, regent of the Netherlands.

1578 — Portugal's King Sebastian invades Morocco but is killed at Alcazar, together with King Sebastian of Fez and the Moorish President.

1620 — English fleet is sent against Barbary pirates of Algiers.

1621 — French Royalist Army begins siege of Mootauban against Huguenot rebels.

1789 — French feudal system is abolished.

1870 — French, led by Marie MacMahon, are defeated at Weissenburg, Germany, by Crown Prince Frederick in Franco-Prussian war.

1907 — French fleet bombards Casablanca following anti-foreign outbreaks.

1914 — Britain declares war on Germany; United States declares its neutrality.

1916 — Denmark sells Danish Virgin Islands to United States for \$25 million.

1922 — Fighting between fascists and socialists breaks out in Italian cities.

1944 — Nazi police capture 14-year-old Anne Frnk and seven other Jews in hiding places in Amsterdam during World War II.

1971 — US Apollo 15 spacecraft heads back to earth after six-day mission of exploring moon.

1976 — Eighty-one people are executed in the Sudan on charges they tried to overthrow government.

1986 — Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher reluctantly offers to impose limited sanctions against South Africa.

1987 — Intense fighting around Afghanistan's two largest cities disrupts air and road travel and causes shortages of basic supplies.

Mending fences with US

Syria tightens grip on Lebanon to maintain status

By Michael Kuli

BEIRUT, (Reuters): Syria has tightened its grip over Lebanon in the past three months to reinforce its role as a major power in the Middle East, political sources say.

They said Syria had carried out a "military and political purge" of the territory under its control, which comprises about 65 per cent of Lebanon, uprooting Palestinian groups and curbing the power of pro-Iranian militants.

The crackdown was helping Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in his efforts to mend fences with the United States, which has long regarded Damascus as a "terrorist" regime and intransigent opponent of compromise, they said.

Control of Shatila and Bourj Al Barajneh, two Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut which were once strongholds of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat, fell to pro-Syrian Palestinians early in July.

Barrier

Rumours, which the sources said were inspired by Damascus, later circulated that Syrian troops might move into the Shouf Mountains, heartland of the Druze Progressive Social Party (PSP).

The Shouf, a rugged maze of high ridges, form a natural barrier between Syrian forces in Muslim west Beirut and the Bekaa Valley in east Lebanon.

The sources said the rumours were a Syrian signal to PSP leader Walid Jumblatt, who has relative independence from

direct Syrian military influence, to stop providing a safe haven for Arafat's supporters in his mountainous fiefdom.

Jumblatt quickly took the hint, the sources said, so that Arafat's power base was now restricted to refugee camps east of the southern port of Sidon. Syria's forces have so far not moved into the Shouf.

Pro-Syrian political and religious leaders from various factions are now flocking to Damascus to consult Syrian officials about Lebanon's forthcoming presidential election, due by Sept 23.

One sign of a shift in Syrian tactics ahead of the election was a meeting between Assad and Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, the sources said.

Meeting

A presidential aide described it as the first "serious meeting" between the two heads of state since 1986, when Gemayel refused to endorse a Syrian-sponsored peace pact concluded by rival Christian, Shi'ite and Druze militias.

The sources said Assad's conciliatory stand towards Gemayel was prompted by his awareness of the key role played by any Lebanese head of state and the Christian community in general.

Assad also wanted the next president to give his stamp of approval to the presence of the estimated 25,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon, they said.

Under an unwritten national covenant adopted in 1943, the President is always a Maronite Christian, the prime minister a Sunni Muslim and the speaker of parliament a Shi'ite Muslim.

Analysts said three powers had influence over the election, namely Syria, the United States and the Christians. No single party could independently steer the election its way, but each had a veto power.

Diplomats in Beirut told Reuters the United States had passed word to local and foreign forces in Lebanon that the election should be held peacefully.

Chaos
They said the international community wanted a government capable of controlling the chaos which had adversely affected many Western countries, most spectacularly in the kidnapping plaguing Beirut.

Washington wanted a basically pro-Western president who was favoured by the Christians, enjoyed Syria's blessing and was backed by the Muslims, they said.

"The Americans do not want to antagonise the Syrians, but they are keen the Syrians do not have full control of Lebanon or strengthen their influence in the region," one independent parliamentarian said.

Political sources speak of a deal between US envoy Vernon Walters and Assad under which Syria would assume responsibility for containing the Shi'ite fundamentalists of Hezbollah in return for improved relations with Washington, including the restoration of Western financial aid.

Syrian troops were sent into Beirut's southern suburbs on May 27 to end three weeks of savage inter-Shi'ite fighting, a move which reduced the influence of the radical pro-Iranian Hezbollah.

Zhao Ziyang may head China's military

By Guy Dinmore

BEIJING, China, (Reuters): Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang has moved a step closer to holding supreme power in China after enjoying the limelight in National Army Day celebrations, diplomats said on Monday.

Pictures of Zhao in a business suit presenting medals to war veterans and his speech in the Great Hall of the People dominated the front pages of major newspapers on Sunday and Monday and weekend television news.

"Zhao was the central figure. He has been placed firmly in the public eye as the future head of the military," a Western diplomat commented.

Zhao, 69, was made party leader last year and is widely seen as heir apparent to 83-year-old Deng Xiaoping. Deng kept his hold on the military by remaining head of the Central Military Commission in a major party leadership reshuffle last November.

Although he had no active military experience behind him, Zhao was made the commission's first vice-chairman.

Diplomats said the next few months would be a crucial test of Zhao's leadership as the country faces record inflation, government and party corruption, severe drought in the south and warnings by police chiefs of public unrest and subversion.

"Now in the wake of a continual deepening of the reforms, some very difficult and unavoidable problems are facing us. China's reforms have reached a crucial state," Zhao said at Saturday's award-giving ceremonies.

Informed Chinese sources said the country's leaders had ended their annual informal talks at the seaside resort of Beidaihe but it was possible some would return for more meetings.

Dominated
Last year's 60th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the People's Liberation Army were dominated by General Yang Shangkun with Deng visibly present in the background.

This year, however, Deng did not interrupt his annual seaside break to attend the Beijing formalities and it was Yang's turn to play second fiddle to Zhao, diplomats said.

One diplomat predicted that



Zhao Ziyang
Deng would formally step down as chairman of the military on Oct 1, next year.

"But Deng will not resign until he is sure he has cleared out all remnants of the old guard from the armed forces," he added.

In June, Deng said he had handed over his military commission duties to Zhao but Saturday's confirmation that Zhao was in charge.

Deng's far-reaching reforms, brought in almost 10 years ago, have also penetrated the armed forces which have lost around one million men and women since 1985 in an attempt to become a modernised, streamlined military.

Yang Baibing, director of the PLA's armed forces, referred to the armed forces being "three-million strong" but diplomats said the total was probably some hundred thousand higher.

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

Top stars at the crossroads

Rekha, Jeetendra revive flagging careers

THERE comes a stage in a star's life which may be called a plateau. The artist is not professionally dead yet there is no sign of activity or future progress. There are films gathering dust, either incomplete or unsold. New offers that come with hesitation are of a lower standard.

At such a time a star is at the crossroads. And yet, if he or she steers the wagon on the high road of success again, then hats off to them, indeed. Such a stage was recently reached by Rekha and Jeetendra. And right now both are trying their best to recharge the batteries and emerge successful again.

Sometime back, Rekha faced about half a dozen flops. Producers shied away from her. The affair with Amitabh which she had taken seriously had also not borne fruit. For Amit, a second marriage was out of the question. Rekha had crossed her prime of youth and also the peak of her career, with super-hits as well as excellent roles in films like *Umrao Jann*.

People in the industry also saw a big line of Rekha's films lying stranded due to one fault or the other, including her own.

Jeetendra and Rekha in a dramatic moment in *Souten Ki Beti*.

Jeetendra received a limited release, only after tax exemption. But what about *Aag Ka Darya*

with Dilip Kumar, Musafir with Naseeruddin, *Dushman* with Rajesh Khanna and

Satragun Sinha, *Ek Naya Rishat* with Raj Kiran and Marc Zuber and *Shatruta* with Vinod Khanna.

Two old films with Rakesh Roshan, *Bahurani* and *Sabak* have been indefinitely stuck in production. Even Manoj Kumar's *Clerk* is taking ages to complete. Director Mohan Sehgal who gave the first big break to Rekha has finished *Kasam Suhag Ki* with her, but peculiar problems have hampered its release. Mahesh Bhatt's *Rakshak* with Vinod plus Hema Malini is not progressing.

Fading Rekha felt that she was fading and that too before time, while she still had lot of acting potential left. Thus she sent alarm signals to her former friends and lovers, and an inviting call to others.

The first to respond was Rakesh Roshan, fresh from the success of *Khudgarz*. He had just seen the American TV serial *Return to Eden* and found its first eight episodes excellent material for the Indian screen. On seeing Rekha's finger on the panic button, he decided to cast her in the heroine-oriented tale

of revenge.

It is the story of a simple woman who puts total trust in her second husband and a girl who is their common friend. She is an heiress to a huge fortune, so the husband's crooked mind plans a murder. He pushes her in a river to face a crocodile and the girlfriend is an eye witness. Luckily she survives, though with a disfigured face. An old man rescues her, cures her and even gives her some jewellery.

She undergoes plastic surgery, when the doctor becomes her friend. After a very painful process, she regains normalcy. Then she goes for beauty treatment and also takes to fashion modelling, with a top photographer, to hit the covers of glossy magazines. It is all to lure her playboy — husband who cannot recognise her. She only wants to bring home the reality to the wrong-doer. But it drives him to his doom in an air-crash. She comes back to her two children and the doctor marries her.

For the Hindi version, there are of course some compulsory changes. Kadir Badi plays the negative role of the hubby, so there is no regular hero, though Satragun Sinha and Rakesh Roshan (back with the handsome wig) play key roles. The vendetta tale is strong, with Rekha's transformations as the highlight.

Reports

As the film was being shot, rave reports were let loose about Rekha's superb acting and her capacity to look glamorous. Nothing succeeds like a good word. And now the actress has a dozen films in her bag and is busy all over again. Apart from *Bihvi Ho To Aisi* on the verge of release, there are *Madam X*, *Aaryava*, *Azad Desh Ke Gholam* and *Ladla*.

The Sippy father-son have signed her for *Blueschacher* opposite Mithun. And she is doing three films with Jeetendra: *Sheeshnaag* on the lines of *Nagina* has Rishi Kapoor too. *Souten Ki Beti* has Jeetendra sandwiched between Rekha

Rekha and Jeetendra hope to score with *Sheeshnaag*.

and Jaya Prada and *Asoolon Ki Jung* is an action drama. Rekha's bid for the last round may bring her yet another few accolades.

Exactly the same condition is faced by Jeetendra who had remained steady over the years but was recently on the decline. There were too many people to share the success of *Khudgarz* and his own brother's *Tamasha* was a huge failure. In his case, too, producers thought that he was no longer young or capable of acting feats. The biggest blow to his career was that his films with Sridevi flopped, leading to a split. Bhanupriya also proved unlucky and inferior as a heroine.

His films too have been held up, like *Daav Peeli* and *Mar Mitenge* with Bhanu and Mithun, *Nafraat Ki Aandhi* with Anita Raj, *Madhvi* and *Dharmendra* and *Sone Re Suhaga* again with Dharm. Anil Kapoor and Sridevi. Still incomplete are *Aag Se Khelenge*, *Aasmaan Se Ooncha*, *Kasam Yardi Ki*, *Mamta Ka*

Mandir, *Sahara*, *Zehreeli* etc. Jeetu then tried to turn the tables and also turn the corner. He gathered round his friends and made a plea. He also snapped up two important roles where he could show his acting prowess. *New Delhi*, a songless political film with the South's Sumalata and Urvashi, based on the Malayalam hit, is a big gamble for him, which may pay off like *Meri Awaz Suno* some years back.

Accused

It has Jeetendra in a powerful role as a crusading journalist fighting corruption. His girlfriend Maria while taking part in a Republic Day parade becomes a rape victim to two politicians. He fails to expose them and becomes paralysed at the hands of their goondas.

He is also falsely accused of the same rape and first sent to a mad-house and then jail, where he meets four more innocent victims. On becoming free, he starts a new paper with the help of Maria and her younger sis-

ter. The four prisoners run away and join them to take a planned revenge on the evil politicians. Jeetendra has high hopes for *New Delhi* (the title could be changed to "Aakhri Faizla") and says it will make him soar higher as an actor than a star.

He also took up another off-beat and anti-establishment role in *Kanwarlal* as a Robin-hood type mafia chief, pitted against Raj Bahar as a corrupt politician and Sujata Mehta tossing between them. This role also has a lot of drama and action. The lurbs coming out from the sets declared Jeetu's acting as top class. Soon, producers started signing him again and he has ten films on hand, including big and multi-star types.

They are *Jai Shiv Shankar*, *Rambhoomi*, *Jung Aur Aman*, *Anam Yudd*, *Asoolon Ki Jung* etc. In many films he has Babbar as a co-star. And finally, his films with Rekha, *Sheeshnaag* and *Souten Ki Beti* may also do wonders for him.

Behind the screen

Sridevi and director Harmesh Malhotra were very huddy huddy after *Nagina*. But after the debacle of *Shera*, Sridevi looks upon him like the poor cousin who comes uninvited. Now she is even doubtful about the shape of *Nagina* sequel to *Nagina*. But whose magic was it supposed to be? Actually, Harmesh should start doubting Sridevi's pull.

What on earth is Kamal Amrohi going to do by signing model actress Sonu Wallia?

Surely, she can play neither a tragedienne nor a queen. But it has sure sent Sonu on an ego trip. She keeps boasting to the lesser mortals that after *Madhubala*, *Meena Kumari* and *Hema Malini*, it is her turn now. Has she forgotten what happened to *Razia Sultan*?

Farha can do the most eccentric things on earth. To justify her break-up with ex-lover Rajesh Sethi, she asked sexy stories against Sethi in gossip



Farha: thinking of new ways to malign an ex-lover

magazines. In return Farha would get roles for her in new films. But Geetika could not follow this exchange plan, as Sethi offered her a role.

After the success of heroines as snakes, those heroes who are romantic with reptiles are *Dharmendra* in *Jale Kar Rakhi Kar Doonga*, Jeetendra and Rishi in *Sheeshnaag*, Sunny in *Nagina*, Rajeev

Kapoor in *Naag Nagin* and many more. We are waiting now for heroes to insist on playing snakes.

Jeetendra and brother Prasanna were on back-slapping terms for years. But after their recent massive flop, and a quarrel that followed, they are on real slapping terms, inspired by the name of their own flop, namely *Tamasha*.



Sonu Wallia: on an ego trip?

Ramayana series demonstrates power of TV to mesmerise masses

Fade-out for long-running soap opera

By Adam Kelliher

BOMBAY, India, (UPI): The ancient Hindu god Rama is being crowned this weekend to climax an 18-month-long religious soap opera that has revealed television's immense potential to captivate the disparate masses of India.

If past viewings are any indication, the 45-minute Sunday morning finale of "Ramayana" — its 78th episode — should leave streets empty and shops closed as millions of Indians tune in from the mountains of northern Kashmir to the jungles of southern Kerala. "We are seeing our god," said Bipin Nayak, E, one of an estimated 200 million regular viewers. "Everyone in school talks about 'Ramayana.' No one misses it."

The weekly programme blazed new trails by televising an ancient Hindu epic, the story of Lord Rama and his odyssey to rescue abducted maiden Sita from the wicked demon king of Lanka and be restored as the rightful king of Ayodhya.

"Ramayana" has shown television's potential to transcend the divisions among the 800 million people living in one of the world's most diverse nations.

"Christians have enjoyed it and Muslims have enjoyed it," said A.S. Grewal, deputy director general of the state-run Doordarshan's network. "It cuts across religious barriers."

Crowds of city dwellers who cannot afford TV sets cluster at electronics stores to glimpse the programme. In isolated settlements the devout perform purification rituals before gathering around a village's single set, which is garlanded with flowers and powered by a portable generator.

Riots have been sparked by transmission breakdowns. Police in northern Punjab last week charged with batons to disperse some 1,200 stone-throwing Hindus demanding the series be extended.

"Ramayana" is changing the lives of people," said director Ramanand Sagar in a recent



Arun Govil as Lord Rama: he gave up drinking and smoking to avoid disappointing those who believed in his divinity!

interview. "Human beings cannot do this." He attributed its phenomenal success to "the

grace of some power above." But Sagar has drawn criticism over his interpretation of

the epic and his production techniques. Acting is melodramatic, gaudy sets are reminiscent of 1950s Hollywood biblical epics, and Sagar has perverted the story by stretching out the series for profit and glory, critics contend.

"It's simply the lowest common denominator," said TV reviewer Anita Malik. "This is one of the world's best epics, yet this programme is the worst kind of Bombay kitsch, of commercial mythology."

Arun Govil, who plays the lead role of Lord Rama, said he gave up drinking and smoking to avoid disappointing those who believe he really is a divine being.

"People really have taken me as a reincarnation, that sort of thing," the swarthy actor said.

Production sets in remote locations are flooded with thousands of faithful. Rumours abound that Govil has been responsible for miracle cures.

In June Govil took to the hustings on behalf of the ruling Congress (I) Party, telling voters the election in northern Uttar Pradesh was actually a battle between good and evil.

The play backedfire. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's party was routed by the opposition. "Voters... were politically astute enough not to succumb to the charms of the saffron-clad, fat-faced hero of television's supersoap," said the Illustrated Weekly of India.

Some analysts believe the series has been a force of division rather than unity. Ramayana has incited Hindu fundamentalists calling for India to abandon its position as a secular state and declare itself a Hindu nation.

However, media experts contend most viewers have taken the programme purely as entertainment value. Sagar is selling videos of his series, mostly to expatriate Indians living in north America. And there is another Hindu epic to come.

In October, Doordarshan launches a 52-episode series of the "Mahabharata," another ancient legend rich in damsels, drama and bloodshed in the eternal conflict between vice and virtue.



The above cartoon appeared in the Times of India, when in June, the ruling Congress (I) party, used Arun Govil to campaign on their behalf for the Allahabad bye-election.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

MEDICATION CAN REDUCE WOMEN'S UNWANTED HAIR GROWTH

QUESTION: You recently answered a question about unwanted hair growth on women but you didn't say much about how to treat it. Please expand.

ANSWER: While hirsutism (excessive hair growth on a woman's body) often is considered to be a purely cosmetic problem, actually it is a medical one. Hirsutism most frequently results from high levels of androgen (any substance, such as testosterone, that causes masculinizing effects). Other conditions that can be caused by excess androgen include acne, menstrual irregularities and/or infertility.

Additionally, there are medications that are known to cause unwanted hair growth, plus such things as certain types of cysts, thyroid abnormalities and other conditions. There are, of course, medicines that have proved to be very helpful for reducing unwanted hair growth but as these medications also can have unwanted side effects, your physicians will maintain a close watch as you are treated. Among medications currently used are drugs estrogens — usually in the form of a combination oral contraceptive product.

Because there are women who may not

take estrogens, other treatments use a class of medicines called glucocorticoids which decrease androgen secretion in the body. But here too there are some restrictions. Anyone who suffers from ulcers, diabetes, psychiatric disorders, active infections or who is specifically allergic to this class of medication must be cautioned about their use.

Another type of treatment is with the non-hormonal anti-androgens (drugs that do not contain hormones yet decrease the secretion of androgens.)

If medications cannot be used internally, there are the mechanical methods. These include: bleaching — often useful in mild cases of hirsutism. Also, shaving is a simple, inexpensive, effective — and temporary — way of removing unwanted hair. Electrolysis, while rather expensive, destroys the existing hair follicles, and thus is a permanent method of removing hair.

Tweezing, plucking and removal with wax are not recommended for removal of hair. These methods are high in risks for infections and because they stimulate blood flow to hair follicles, can work against you by causing an increase in new hair growth.

QUESTION: What happens to victims of sex abuse as they get older?

ANSWER: Rape and other forms of sexual abuse, including that of children, are not uncommon. But because every circumstance and individual is different, the long-term effects of sexual abuse vary greatly. In some studies, half of women who were sexually abused as children reported long-lasting effects to their later sexual relationships and self-image, which of course means that half do not. Some women who were abused as children tend to both idealize and fear men, while viewing themselves with contempt. They may have problems in sexual functioning ranging from frigidity to promiscuity.

Women — and men — who have been raped also may have psychological aftereffects, which again vary from person to person and with the circumstances. Some of these effects stem from the way society views rape, as a sexual act rather than the assault that it is. Some women blame themselves and feel shame, or become phobic, while others relieve their feelings through self-help groups or other activities.

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Laughter: the best medicine

By Ian Brown

A SURGEON was taking a well earned break in a country hotel, when his holiday was ruined by a fellow guest who bombarded him with questions about his medical problems and how they should be treated.

That night, the surgeon phoned a friend who was a solicitor. "Can I get my own back by charging this pest a fee for consultation?" he asked.

Certainly, said the surgeon's friend. "After all, the man approached you for a professional opinion."

The surgeon was delighted until the following week when he received a bill from his solicitor friend for professional services.

That's just one of the hundreds of hilarious medical stories in a new book* by Graeme Garden, who is both a doctor and a well-known British comedian. Royalties from the book are going to research into the treatment of crippled children.

Another of his tales is that of a doctor who called out a plumber at three o'clock in the morning to deal with a blocked lavatory. The bleary-eyed plumber turned up, dropped two aspirins into the bowl and said "If it's no better tomorrow, give me a call" then went home.

Then there's the one about the relatives who gathered around a bedside to pay their final respects. "Your colour's better," one of them told the patient. "The doctor says your heart's much stronger," said another and a third added: "You seem to be breathing much more easily."

Replied the patient: "Well, it's reassuring to know that I'm going to die cured."

On the other hand, there was the doctor who presented his bill to the executor of the will of one of his patients and asked whether he wished to have it sworn to.

"No need," the doctor was informed. "My late client's death is sufficient evidence that you attended him professionally."

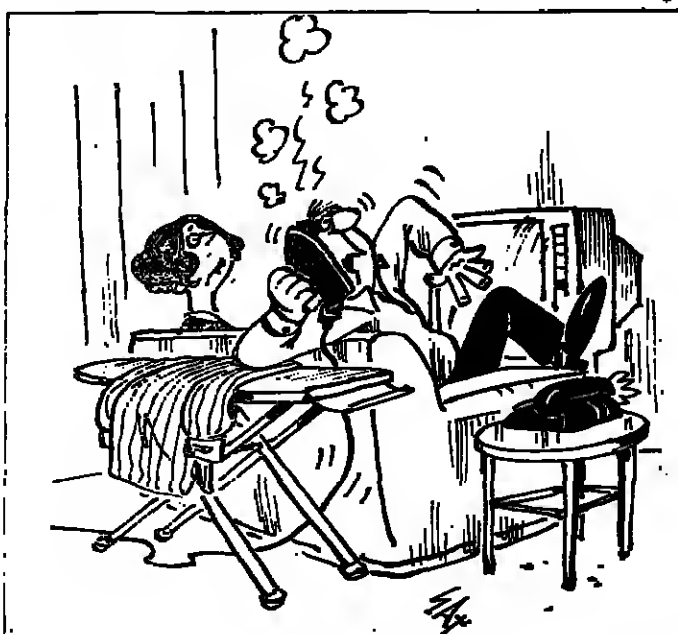
A patient suffering from insomnia was told by her doctor to be sure that she never went to bed on an empty stomach.

"But you once told me never to eat before going to bed," replied the puzzled patient.

"That was last year," said the doctor. "Medicine has made enormous advances since then."

Another doctor asked a patient who had come to see him with two badly burned ears. "What has happened to

The medical profession has more than its fair share of funny stories. Like the psychiatrist who specialised in treating schizophrenics ... because he could get paid twice.



you?" He replied: "My wife was doing the ironing while we were watching television. She had the iron near the phone and when it rang I answered the iron."

"But what happened to the other ear?"

"Just as I hung up the phone rang again."

Graeme Garden also tells of a book that came on the market called *The Hypochondriac's Almanac*. The blurb billed it as "the ideal gift for the person who has everything."

Doctor: "Mrs Hartnoll, I have good news for you."

Patient: "Excuse me, but it's Miss Hartnoll."

Doctor: "In that case I have bad news for you."

Many of the jokes in the book are naturally at the expense of psychiatrists. One definition of psychiatry is given as "the care of the id by the odd."

A woman who had been undergoing psychiatric treatment for some time asked her psychiatrist if it would be alright for her to go to Venice for a short holiday and was given her blessing.

He received a postcard from her. It read: "Having a wonderful time. Why?"

A psychiatrist asked a new patient: "Tell me something about yourself from the beginning."

The patient replied: "In the beginning I created Heaven and Earth..."

Another patient told his psychiatrist that he kept thinking he was a dog.

Psychiatrist: "How long have you felt like this?"

Patient: "Ever since I was a puppy."

Psychiatrist: "Just lie down on the couch."

Patient: "I'm not allowed on the furniture."

One psychiatrist asked another: "Why do you specialise in treating schizophrenics?"

Replied his colleague: "To what other patient can you send two bills a month and get away with it?"

A man arrived at a psychiatrist's consulting room in a very distressed state. "I keep getting these awful nightmares," he explained. "Every night it's the same. I find myself in a large room with dozens of gorgeous girls."

"What's so awful about that?" asked the shrink.

"In the dream I'm a girl too."

Another psychiatrist asked his patient: "Now that you're finally cured of your delusion, why are you looking so sad?"

The patient replied: "Wouldn't you be sad if yesterday you were God and today you're nobody?"

Then there was the man who went to see a psychiatrist about his sister. "She keeps breaking thermometers," he told him. "I drink the mercury and throw the glass away."

"What," screams the psychiatrist. "That's the best bit?"

Garden has collected many of the best stories from colleagues and friends centre around operations.

One patient told a surgeon: "I'm terrified. This is the first operation I've ever had."

The surgeon replied: "I know just how you feel. This is the first operation I've ever done."

Another patient asked the surgeon: "Are you sure this operation can be performed successfully?"

"That what we're about to find out," was the answer.

A doctor told a patient that his operation would cost £600, and the patient asked if it would not be possible to have done for nearer £300.

Said the doctor: "It might be, but the surgeon will have to use blunt instruments."

"What kind of job do you do?" an elderly lady asked a man travelling with her on train.

"I'm a naval surgeon," he replied.

Goodness, said the lady. "How you doctors specialise these days."

Surgeon to colleague: "We operated just in time. A couple more days and he would have recovered without us."

And what did the woman say when she climbed out of the plastic surgeon's chair? Thanks for the lift.

A suspicious patient said to his surgeon: "That other doctor doesn't seem to share your diagnosis."

The surgeon replied: "I know, but your post mortem will prove that I am right."

One neighbour said to another: "It looks as if my husband will be in hospital for some time."

"Why, have you seen the doctors?"

No, I've seen the nurses."

Said a surgeon: "From my observation, Miss Thomas, you have acute appendicitis."

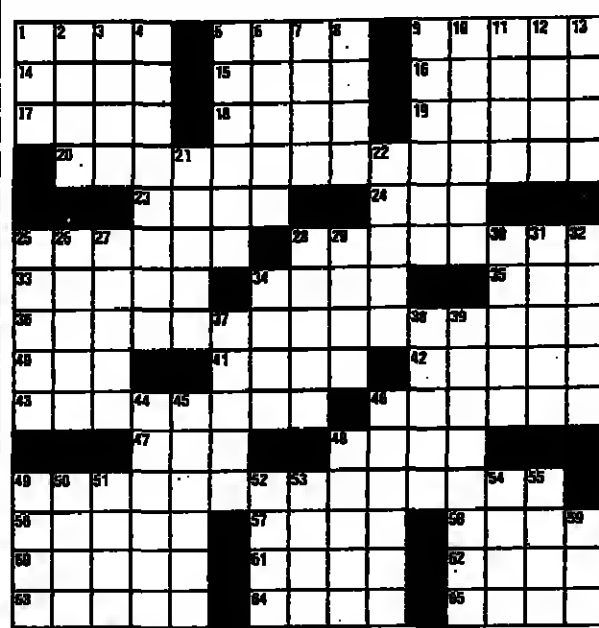
Patient: "I'll thank you to keep remarks like that to yourself. I came here to be cured — not admired."

Even the late actor, W.C. Fields, apparently a devout non-believer who was discovered towards the end of his life reading the Bible, gets a mention. When a friend asked why, he explained: "I'm looking for loop-holes."

And there's more... a managing director received this letter from the company secretary: "Your colleagues on the Board have asked me to send you good wishes for your speedy recovery. This motion was passed by twelve votes to eleven?"

* *The Best Medicine*. By Graeme Garden, published by Coronet Books. £1.95.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Playwright
 - 2 Cornelly
 - 3 Treads the boards
 - 4 Written matter
 - 5 Toast topping
 - 6 Mets' turf
 - 7 Ladies' man
 - 8 Horace or Thomas
 - 9 "Arno, amaa, I love a —"
 - 10 Westminster
 - 11 Vicinity
 - 12 Ready to eat
 - 13 Boak flex
 - 14 Cancel
 - 15 Texas symbol
 - 16 Winged
 - 17 Points of attraction
 - 18 Hasten
 - 19 Flees
 - 20 Simon's a summer
 - 21 Burden
 - 22 Map addendum
 - 23 Sweets
 - 24 Runs, as Madras
 - 25 Acres
 - 26 Part of MIT
 - 27 Innocent one
 - 28 Scrap the mission
 - 29 Hebrides' island
 - 30 Peruse
 - 31 Artistic style
 - 32 Type of fly or hound
 - 33 Prudent and wise one
 - 34 Stand one in good
- DOWN**
- 1 Palindromic parent
 - 2 King of comedy
 - 3 Descartes
 - 4 Foundation material
 - 5 Inclined
 - 6 Abrade
 - 7 Make certain
 - 8 Window part
 - 9 Check signer
 - 10 Part of R.U.R.
 - 11 Pulpit of yore
 - 12 Provide dinner
 - 13 — in the Attic
 - 14 Spring fliers
 - 15 Sesame Street muppet
 - 16 Passe
 - 17 Please greatly
 - 18 A Minnesota claim to fame
 - 19 Fruit of contentment?
 - 20 Newspaper publisher
 - 21 Adolph
 - 22 —, 1858-1935
 - 23 Not these
 - 24 Lent a hand
 - 25 Sits a spell
 - 26 Baptismal basin
 - 27 Entrance to a Buddhist temple
 - 28 Ham's response
 - 29 Like a place of little importance

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

PREPARE FOR THE WORST

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ K 8 2

♥ J 5

♦ 8 5 3 2

♣ 9 4 3 2

WEST

♠ A Q 10 9 5 4 3

♥ 2

♦ Q

♣ K 8 7 6

EAST

♠ J 7 6

♥ Q 10 9 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ A 10 5

SOUTH

♠ Void

♥ A K 8 7 6

♦ A K J 10 9 6

♣ Q J

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♥ 2 ♠ Pass Pass

4 ♥ Pass 5 ♦ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Six of ♠

Life imitates art, wrote Oscar Wilde. A few weeks ago we remarked that pessimists do well at the bridge table. This philosophy was highlighted by the following hand from the recent Spring North American Championships in Buffalo.

Because of the vagaries of duplicate scoring, most North-South pairs played in some number of

hearts. Almost all were too high because of the terrible trump break. At some tables, however, North-South reached five diamonds, and the result depended on the degree of care exercised by declarer.

At the table we watched, Arlene Thompson, of Ft. Worth, Texas, became declarer on the auction shown. West got her side off to its best start with a club lead. Declarer ruffed the third round, and drew one round of trumps, noting the fall of West's queen. Those who foresaw no problem drew another trump and then started on hearts. Now they could ruff only two hearts and, because of the 5-1 split still had to concede a heart for down one.

Thompson took the trump queen at face value. To protect against the possibility that West was short in both red suits, she abandoned trumps and cashed the ace-king of hearts. When West discarded a spade on the second heart, declarer was able to ruff all three of her heart losers, using spade ruffs as entries back to hand, to make her contract.

Incidentally, if you think West's hand is far too strong for a weak jump overall, so do we! Note that East-West can take 10 tricks at a spade contract as the cards lie.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BLOW EPACT PANG
OONA RICHE ANOA
ORUGONTHEMARKET
YES BETE PALLS
SISI OIOOES
SEXTET AISLE
AARE AURAL GAY
STAMPINGGROUNDS
HAY ENQUE GAZE
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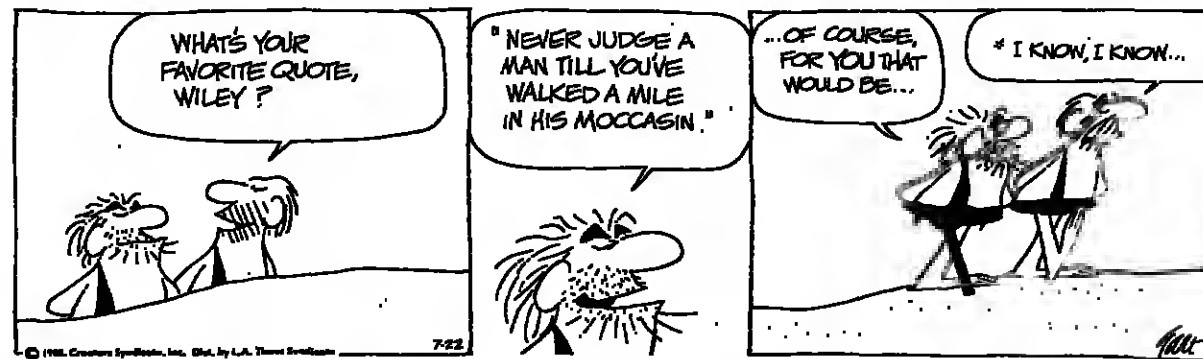
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should not waste time on secondary matters just now. The situation will tend to be a little confused and you will have to exercise caution. Make sure you show your partner all the affection you feel. Be moderate.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should not try to postpone something you know ought to be done right away. You will have some good luck but you must not rely upon it to get you out of trouble. You will not be quite as quick on the uptake as usual.



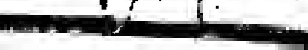
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will tend to tire rather more easily and should try to conserve your energies. Do not attempt to shut your eyes and ears to the truth. Try to see the reality underneath appearances. Be considerate.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You should concentrate on doing what has to be done. Secondary matters should be left until later but should not be confused with what is important. Make sure your health does not suffer. Be resilient.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The prospects are good but you must not try to rush things nor be tardy about them. You should attend to your personal affairs far less than to work. You should try to see the funny side without neglecting what is in fact serious.



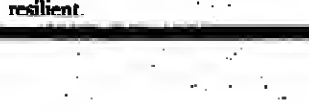
Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Not everything is to your satisfaction but you will be able to adjust yourself to what has to be. You will also be able to change what can be changed. You should try to exercise a little more self-control and restraint. Be resolute.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

After a rather slow start you will be able to get into your stride. You will be at your most persuasive and should take advantage of this opportunity. Take a little more interest in your state of health without becoming a health fiend.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You should not expect love and affection without doing anything to deserve it. A little more patience and forbearance will be well rewarded. You should allow your children to develop their own personality. Be a little more optimistic.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will get the support of a friend of yours and should show your appreciation. You should concentrate on changing what can be changed and accepting what cannot. A little more patience and resilience will pay dividends.



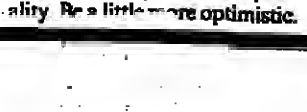
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

All is fairly well but you should not become complacent. Do not expect everyone to be interested in your every word. You should not leave things to chance. Be respectful.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You are a little too liable to act on impulse and should think a little harder. You should avoid going on a spending spree, you just cannot afford it just now.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will find it easier to stick to what is practical and useful. You should make sure you do not allow your affairs to get into disorder. You should consider the alternatives more carefully before making up your mind. Be moderate.



The Art Buchwald Column

She's doing nothing

electrical system keeps dying on me. I've risen as high as I can in life."

"You do more than most women who work outside the home," I assured her.

"It's not true. Those women are suing people and figuring out celebrities' income taxes; they're removing gallstones and merging peanut companies with coal mine monopolies. All I'm doing with my time is carting overdue books back to the library, driving my mother to the dentist and trying to find a sump pump for the basement. I'm almost ashamed to be in this room with so many women of accomplishment."

"You're being too hard on yourself. Let's change the subject. What do you think of this lamp?"

"I never cut lamb. Nobody in my family likes it. But they do enjoy beef stew, and it only takes me three hours to cook the whole thing. I love to be in the kitchen. No one has

ever taken me out to lunch just because they wanted to sell me a new pension plan."

"I must have touched a nerve somewhere because she wouldn't stop."

"Did I tell you I also compact garbage?"

"No, you didn't."

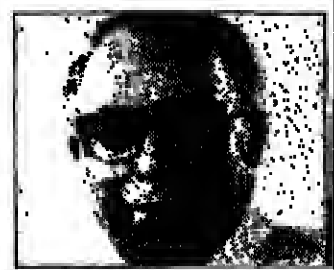
"What I do is take the garbage, put it into the machine and push a button, and then it gets compacted into a bag. But that's not all. When I've crushed enough garbage, I have to take it out of the compactor and insert a new bag. Now do you know what I do?"

"I'm very impressed," I answered.

"It's not as hard it sounds, especially for those of us who went to Radcliffe. What else would you like to know about me?"

"Do you have any dreams?"

"I dream of a big strong man coming to my house and saying, 'I am from the University of Virginia Tau Omega fraternity and part



of my hazing assignment is to wash all your windows and bathe your dog. I know it's too much to hope for, but I need something to keep me going."

"Have you seen the Gauguin exhibit at the National Gallery?" I asked.

"I've been meaning to go, but I have to wallpaper the kids' rooms, wait for the piano tuner to turn up, hem my daughter's dress and buy a wedding gift for my niece, as well as make popcorn for my husband and his friends when they come over to watch the baseball playoff game."

"I don't understand why you keep putting yourself down. You do quite a bit for somebody who officially does nothing," I said.

"It's so little compared to that woman over there who is giving my husband her business card."

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ANDY CAPP

By Smith



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Baghdad slashes its imports

Iraq could expand oil export capacity

By Jadranka Porter

IRAQ could expand its oil export capacity to more than 4 million barrels per day (BPD) by 1990, according to foreign analysts in Baghdad.

This would increase Iraq's annual oil revenue earning capacity to \$21 billion in 1990, say the conservative reports, while the more optimistic forecasts see the figure rising to \$25 billion at current oil prices.

The 4 million BPD projection does not take into account exports through an offshore pipeline or Iraqi ports which have been heavily damaged in the

eight-year-long Gulf war.

Iraq is the second largest OPEC oil producer with current export capacity of 2.75 million BPD.

In the second quarter of 1988 the Arab state was pumping 2.5 million BPD of which 300,000 barrels were for domestic consumption. If maintained at an average of 2.5 million BPD its oil exports will generate more than \$13 billion revenue this year. Exports of phosphates, natural gas, fertilizers, cement and dates could add another \$300,000 million a year to government coffers.

Baghdad has cut its oil produc-

tion by 300,000 barrels in a bid to support oil prices. But it remained firmly outside the OPEC quota system. Iraq could do so only with the consent of the Arab countries, especially the Gulf states which have continually supported it in the Gulf war, the analysts say.

Projections

The projections of 4 million BPD in 1990 made before Iraq's announcement that it would accept a UN resolution calling for a ceasefire, are based on Iraq's overland export capacity.

There are plans for 2.37 million BPD to be pumped through Turkish lines, 1.65

million BPD through Saudi Arabia's Ispah and Ispah II which is scheduled for completion in 1990, and 0.15 million BPD to be transported by truck.

Plans

This breakdown is based on plans, announced earlier this year, according to which the current pipeline through Turkey would be expanded to carry 2 million BPD, up from current 1.5 million BPD. There are also plans to construct a pipeline from Kirkuk to Batman in Turkey which will pump 300,000 BPD and a small line from Ain Zala to Batman with a capacity of 70,000 BPD.

Iraq, strapped by a \$60 billion international debt in desperate need of additional funds to meet its financial commitments and reconstruction projects, once the war ends.

Facing a crisis Iraq began a programme of economic reform in 1987. It successfully curtailed imports, rescheduled its debts and improved efficiency of banking practices.

Baghdad slashed its imports of commercial goods from \$20 billion in 1981 to about \$12 billion in 1988. Last year Iraq had a positive trade balance of over \$1 billion and according to the more optimistic forecasts

Iraq's current account could be in the black by 1989.

Underpinning Iraq's economic potential are its large proven oil reserves of 100 billion barrels in addition to 45 billion barrels of unproven reserves.

Funds

But if Iraq, in search of additional funds, floods the oil market in the post-war period it could cause a further decline in oil prices thus hurting its OPEC partners, including those who had supported its war effort. This is why analysts are inclined to believe that the Arab countries will not press Iraq to return some \$35 billion Baghdad owes them.

Italian minister in Iran to boost economic ties

NICOSIA, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Italian Foreign Trade Minister Renato Ruggiero arrived in Tehran yesterday to boost trade and economic co-operation, Tehran radio reported.

Now that the Iran-Iraq war is ending we want to base the expansion of our economic ties on post-war structures," the radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Ruggiero as saying on arrival.

Ruggiero, who is accompanied by a team of business leaders, is the first Western government minister to travel to Iran since Tehran accepted Security Council Resolution 598 last month.

An Italian spokesman said the minister would attend a meeting of an Iranian-Italian trade commission and meet Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi and Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Iran's IRNA news agency said he would also meet Oil Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh.

Projects
Tehran radio quoted Minister of Mines and Metals Mohammad Javad Ayatollahi, who welcomed Ruggiero at Tehran airport, as saying the unfinished Mobarakeh Steel Complex and several power station projects would be discussed with the Italians.

The Italian side says Iran owes about \$1.4 billion to Italian firms relating to several projects started under the Shah, including construction of port facilities at Bandar Abbas.

Italian industrialists hope the meeting of the trade commission, the first since the 1979 Islamic revolution, would give them a head start in seeking orders to rebuild Iran's economy if and when the Gulf war ends.

Car giant Fiat has voiced an interest in exporting cars and agricultural machinery and in possibly starting an assembly line in Iran.

Scotland attracts overseas investment

EDINBURGH, Aug. 3. (LPS): Scotland's success in meeting the needs of investing companies from overseas is highlighted in a United Kingdom Government report published last month.

The report, issued by Locate in Scotland (LIS), the joint inward investment arm of the Government-funded Scottish Development Agency and the Industry Department of Scotland, shows that over 50 overseas companies invested £337 million to set up in Scotland from 1987 to 1988.

United States companies topped the league with 24 American-owned companies spending £113 million to make Scotland their overseas base.

Investment

Compuq Computers came from Houston, Texas, to set up an extensive manufacturing plant making personal computers in Erskine near Glasgow airport in the west of Scotland. The cable-making company, Phoenix Cables, of New York, chose Irvine, also on the west coast, for its first European manufacturing operation. The communication component company, Techdyne, located in the heart of "Silicon Glen" in Livingston, near Edinburgh on the east coast.

The electronics industry also accounted for much of the inward investment from Japan. LIS says that its Far East team helped nine Japanese companies come to Scotland. They included JVC, Mitsubishi Electric, and others making video recorders, compact disc players and microwave ovens.

War puts Baghdad in big debtor league

West likely to expand credit lines to Iraq

BAHRAIN, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Eight years of war have turned Iraq into one of the Third World's most heavily indebted nations, but President Saddam Hussein is expected to seek new Western credits if a ceasefire with Iran is agreed.

Economists and political analysts said Western governments may be ready to expand credit lines in a bid to boost political influence in post-war Baghdad and support their companies competing for contracts to reconstruct the shattered economy.

But they warn that Iraq's record of late payments and a history of debt reschedulings — playing one creditor off against another — will temper any enthusiasm.

Credits

"If the war ends, the Iraqis will go down the road of asking for more credits and will hold out the carrot of lucrative contracts for companies," said a Middle East political analyst. "It will be hard to resist, particularly if influence can no longer be won with day-to-day arms contracts."

From one of the Gulf's richest oil producers at the turn of the decade with foreign reserves put at \$20 billion, Iraq has joined the world's major league debtors and now owes foreign govern-

ments, banks and companies as much as \$65 billion.

That is \$10 billion more than Argentina's debt-strapped economy and by far the biggest in the Middle East.

But even though the debt is 10 times more than that of its arch enemy Iran, analysts believe Western capitals cannot afford to ignore a militarily strong, oil-rich Iraq and the possibility it may re-emerge as a major Middle East power.

Some \$30 billion of Iraq's debt is thought to be owed to its main financial backers in the war, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Commercial banks in major Western nations were owed \$8.47 billion at the end of 1987 according to figures collated by the Basel-based Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

Western government export credit agencies are estimated to have guaranteed as much as \$15 billion.

The debt has financed huge arms purchases, building Iraq's Soviet- and French-equipped Air Force into one of the most powerful in the region and equipping a one-million-strong Army which now boasts about 6,000 predominantly Soviet tanks.

But if peace negotiations underway at the UN halt the fighting, Iraq will need billions of

dollars to rebuild.

Settlement of shipping rights in the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway would unlock a \$2 billion development scheme for the Basra port region and revive plans to build offshore oil terminals to export crude through the Gulf.

Output

Even daily output now at 2.7 million barrels a day — the second highest within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries after Saudi Arabia — is not seen as enough to finance reconstruction at a time of weak world oil prices.

The euphoria that greeted Iraq's about-turn in accepting a UN ceasefire call has long since turned into a hard-headed realisation that lasting peace could take months to negotiate.

But economists say Iraq is keeping bridges open to its main bank-rollers, avoiding a wholesale rescheduling and granting preferential treatment to creditors considered most important.

France, as a major arms supplier, the United States as a grain exporter, and Britain as a driving force behind recent UN attempts to impose a weapons embargo on Iraq have all found repayments on government-backed debt are more or less punctual.

"There is a strong lobby within the US State Department that says Iraq has a great deal of economic potential and that since the United States will not play a role in supplying weapons, one way of gaining influence will be through trade," said one Middle East analyst.

Iraq may also want to reduce dependence on the Soviet Union and its Gulf allies and turn more to the West. It may have no choice if cash-strapped Saudi Arabia and Kuwait decide to channel funds into their own economies instead and aid to Baghdad dries up.

West Germany, whose heavy engineering and building firms gained a foothold in Iraq during the oil boom, approved a 300 million mark (\$160 million) credit line early this year.

Credits

An Economic Ministry spokesman in Bonn said punctual repayments in the past months had allowed Hermes, the export credit guarantee office, to realise 100 million marks (\$54 million) of cover in February, with a second tranche for the same amount also approved but not yet taken up.

An official at France's Coface agency in Paris said its position on future export credits was one of "wait and see."

Some other countries such as Yugoslavia appear to have ended up at the bottom of the pecking order, while Turkey has tightened credit regulations to slow the rising trend of Iraqi debt already estimated at about \$2.2 billion.

Japanese banks are being asked to agree a new rescheduling of letters of credit, just fifteen months after signing a deal to delay repayment on 50 billion yen (\$380 million) of debt.

Economists expect Iraq will try to extend official credit lines as a first move, knowing that banks — which have already rescheduled three Eurocredits — will be reluctant to offer direct finance without the safety net of government guarantees.

Arab banks with traditionally close ties to Baghdad are doing steady trade-related business, buying promissory notes issued by the Iraqi government to foreign contractors.

That way banks can offload the risk, sometimes to a Western credit agency guaranteeing payment and sometimes by recourse to payment from the contractor if Iraq is not forthcoming.

But as one Japanese trader in the Gulf said: "It is very easy to sign contracts in Baghdad. But will I get paid?"

Some investors pursue profits with a conscience

LONDON, Aug. 3. (Reuters): A small but possibly growing number of investors are taking what they consider a moral look at where they put their money.

And, amid public debate on such issues as the environment, health and apartheid, some financiers see business opportunities in "ethical investment."

Rachel Griffiths, at the London-based Ethical Investment Research and Information Service (EIRIS), said that as much as 10 per cent of investment on Wall Street may have undergone some degree of ethical scrutiny.

Proportions

The proportion of British investment subject to some ethical test was probably less than one per cent but might rise as Britain took its cue from the United States.

EIRIS, an advisory body, was set up in 1983 by churches and charitable trusts.

"We don't actually say whether a company is ethical or non-ethical," Griffiths said. "We leave that to the individual."

She said ethics in investment had been an issue in the United States for 10 to 15 years.

But interest in Continental Europe was not great, partly because tight disclosure laws made it difficult to research com-

pany activities. Asian markets presented similar problems.

Britain's first ethical unit trust, Stewardship, was launched by London Finance House Friends Provident in 1984.

Risks

Unit trusts allow people to spread their risks by buying a small part of a basket of shares chosen by a fund manager.

John Woodward, product marketing manager with Friends Provident, said there were about 10 ethical unit trusts now available in Britain.

"They've been creeping in but they haven't caught the attention of the public because unit trusts have been quiet since the (October 1987) crash," he said.

But Stewardship now has some £82 million (\$140 million) under management.

Of nine unit trusts managed by Friends Provident, three are ethically vetted and avoid companies involved with alcohol, tobacco, armaments and "repressive regimes" as well as those making products alleged to involve cruelty to animals.

"I think there's a market there but one mustn't exaggerate it," said Bill Stuttard, chairman of the Unit Trust Association, an umbrella organisation.

"In terms of money it's small, but that's not to say they don't

have a certain amount of support."

Woodward also saw a market for ethical pension funds and signs that in the general banking field, too, some people were concerned about how their deposits were used.

The Ecology Building (Savings and Loan) Society, based in northern England, was set up in 1981 to provide loans for ecologically-based projects. Its general manager Bob Lowman says it now has assets of £2.6 million (\$4.5 million).

"People save with us because they like the sort of lending we do," he said.

In May this year West Germany's first environmentalist bank, Oekobank, opened in Frankfurt. Like the Ecology Building Society, Oekobank aims to provide loans for ecological and other alternative projects which more conventional banks might not consider.

Depositors have also been assured the new bank will not invest in South Africa, the arms industry or in other areas opposed by environmentalists and the left.

Keeping an investment portfolio completely "clean" can be difficult and investors often have to compromise to some extent.

US banks to help build tyre plant in Iraq

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (AP): The US government's Export-Import Bank will help the government of Iraq to buy \$8.6 million worth of US equipment for a new plant to make tyres, it was announced yesterday.

Iraq and Iran have been discussing with the United Nations a ceasefire in the eight-year-old war.

The equipment will come from Soveray Machine Equipment Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, the bank's announcement said. Soveray will build some new machines for the Iraqis and refurbish some used ones from American plants.

Policy

Iraq's Ministry of Heavy Industries will pay for the equipment with a Letter of Credit issued by the Rafidain Bank in Iraq, through the Irving Trust Company in New York. Payment will be guaranteed to the New York bank by an insurance policy from the Foreign Credit Insurance Association, which is owned by the Export-Import Bank.

Exim will also guarantee a 3.3 million loan to Soveray for working capital, issued by the City National Bank in Cleveland.

Exim's main function is to promote sales of US goods in other countries by loans to foreign importers and by other

forms of financial help.

Exim also announced its board of directors has agreed to resume leading to Brazil to encourage sales of US goods there.

The action follows an agreement reached in Paris over the weekend between Brazil and 13 creditor governments, including the United States. The accord will delay repayments on \$5 billion worth of debt due between Jan 1, 1987 and March 31, 1990. As well, one of the interest or principal will be repaid until the end of the period, said Sergio Amaral, head of the Brazilian delegation.

Payments after 1990 will be spread over 10 years. It is unusual for such arrangements to delay both interest and principal payments.

The US bank announced on July 11 that it was accepting applications for loans to Brazil and that a decision would be made after the Paris talks.

"This condition has been satisfied and Eximbank now is prepared to set on preliminary and final commitments," said the bank's president, John A. Bohn, Jr. in a statement.

Brazil's international credit was badly hurt in February 1987 when it stopped paying interest on more than \$60 billion of its bank debt, the biggest in the Third World.

World Business Summary

Soviet harvest better than in 1987

MOSCOW, Aug. 3. (Reuters): A Soviet agricultural official said today this year's harvest was progressing well and farmers were bringing in more grain than in 1987. Alexander Zholobov of the state Agro-Industrial Committee (Gosagroprom) told the Tass news agency harvesting rates were also ahead of those achieved last year when 211 million tonnes were reaped. But he added: "It would not be quite wise to forecast the total crop now since there are still two months of harvesting ahead." The US Department of Agriculture last month forecast this year's Soviet crop at 215 million tonnes, while the London-based International Wheat Council predicted 218 million tonnes. Zholobov, a member of the Gosagroprom collegium, said but weather in northern areas of the country and rain in normally dry areas of the south could have caused problems for this year's crop. "But, despite all the weather deviations, there was no disaster anywhere. Drought did not exceed ordinary proportions, though it hit quite sizeable territories. The north Caucasus and the Ukraine, where fields were flooded with rain sometime ago, have harvested more grain than last year at the same time," he added.

Shultz hints US could aid Argentina with new loan

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Secretary of State George Shultz, in Argentina for talks on the economy and other issues, has hinted that Washington would help the country cope with its severe debt crisis by providing a new loan. Argentina has been negotiating a \$500-million bridging loan with Washington that would help Buenos Aires pay service charges on its \$55-billion foreign debt, according to banking sources. A US official told reporters Shultz said in an interview recorded for broadcast on US television today that it appeared the negotiations were going well. "He will be saying that he believed that there had been good discussions between the Argentines and our Treasury and Federal Reserve and that he thought that those discussions would be productive and fruitful," the official said. US officials travelling with Shultz said the strain on Argentina as it struggled to service its debt was severe and worrying. Shultz offered at several points on Tuesday to help Argentina with its economic problems in any way he could, the official said in briefing reporters. The secretary, on a nine-nation, 10-day Latin American tour, met President Raul Alfonsin, Foreign Minister Dante Caputo, Economic Minister Juan Sourrouille and other top officials to discuss economics, drug interdiction, and other issues. He praised Argentina repeatedly for its return to democracy after years of military rule following the 1982 Falklands war, calling the country a stirring example to the world. In his luncheon talk, Shultz urged economic reforms to combat the country's debt and inflation crisis. "Nothing consolidates political freedom as much as economic well-being, which needs, in turn, strong macroeconomic policies and long-term structural reform," he said. Alfonsin's government this week began unveiling an austerity programme aimed at curbing inflation, now running at over 20 per cent a month, through public sector spending cuts. Shultz's visit drew protests from left-wing political parties, including a rally in which some 8,000 marched on the Argentine Congress, chanting anti-US slogans.

Boussena appointed chief of Algerian oil company

ALGIERS, Aug. 3. (OPECNA): A new director-general has been appointed for the Algerian national oil company, Sonatrach. He is Sadek Boussena, 40, who takes over from Youcef Yousfi named president of recently-created holding companies set up to improve the performance of large state enterprises. Boussena has held various top positions in the Algerian national oil industry. In the past fifteen years, he has been economic analyst and adviser, director of economic and legal affairs and director-general for planning and management. In 1981, he was appointed secretary-general of the Ministry of Energy and Petrochemical Industries. The new Sonatrach director-general sat on various OPEC technical committees between 1973 and 1981. He has been the OPEC governor for Algeria since 1981. According to an oil industry source, Boussena's appointment is a crucial part of the current restructuring of Algerian national enterprises seen by the government as a means of improving the efficiency and productivity of the economy. The source added that the goal of the restructuring is to give more autonomy and decision-making power to state-owned enterprises expected to operate on the basis of "essentially economic criteria."

San Jose oil facility to be extended for another year

CARACAS, Aug. 3. (OPECNA): OPEC member Venezuela and non-OPEC oil producer Mexico will extend their joint oil facility programme of crude supplies to central and Caribbean countries for another year. Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi and Mexico's head of state Hurlado Miguel de La Madrid said in a joint statement, issued simultaneously here and in Mexico City, that the extension will be with immediate effect. Under the programme, known as the San Jose accord, Venezuela and Mexico will together supply 130,000 BPD of crude to nine Latin American and Caribbean countries. According to the announcement, the terms of the accord which began in 1980, will remain unchanged. Belize is an additional country benefiting from the programme which so far has covered Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Barbados, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. Venezuela and Mexico began supplying crude to the Latin American and Caribbean nations under the San Jose accord in 1980.

US urged to take lead to help ease Third World debt

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (AP): Two top US financiers and a former cabinet member from Colombia called on the United States to take the lead in a new strategy for easing the burden on the Third World of its \$1.2-trillion debt. James D. Robinson III, chairman of the American Express Co., on Tuesday pressed for setting up an independent "institute of international debt and development" to buy up Third World debt at a discount and benefit the debtors by reducing interest rates. He said this should be done through a joint venture by the World Bank and its sister organisation, the International Monetary Fund. Both the World Bank and the IMF have 151 member governments, with the United States having the biggest voting strength, but decisions for both bodies are reached mainly through consensus. Eugene H. Rotberg, executive vice-president of Merrill Lynch and Co., and Rodrigo Botero, former Finance Minister of Colombia, both supported a role in this matter for the World Bank, where Rotberg served as vice-president. All three spoke on Tuesday at a hearing of the subcommittee on international finance of the Senate Banking Committee. Botero also noted the fragility of democracy among Latin American debtor nations. "A remarkable aspect of the debt crisis so far is the commitment of democratic governments in the region to remain within the existing international framework and to fulfill external obligations at a high political cost," said Botero. He added: "This committee should not be taken for granted." Botero is a visiting scholar at the Harvard Centre for International Relations. He cited the strong showing in the recent Mexican election of Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, who urged suspension of debt payments. He also mentioned the situation in Argentina, where the Peronist candidate in next year's election also favours a moratorium on debt payment.

Lawmaker seeks foreign investment disclosure

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (AP): Foreign investment in the United States is expected to accelerate dramatically this year, but the true scope of overseas ownership remains hidden, a congressional critic complains.

"We need to know if foreign ownership is concentrating itself in key areas of our economy — energy, steel, banking — whether foreign ownership is gaining control of key sectors of the American economy," says Congressman John Bryant.

Bryant came into the spotlight last year as sponsor of a provision of the 1,000-page trade bill approved by the House of Representatives. It would have forced a major increase in the amount of disclosure required of foreign investors.

Lawmakers eventually dropped Bryant's heavily debated plan in an unsuccessful effort to win President Ronald Reagan's approval. And it is not part of the revised version of the trade bill now under debate.

But Bryant still is pushing legislation to require foreign owners to register their major US assets with the Commerce Department, including business, industrial, real estate and farm holdings.

Study

The Reagan administration opposes his bill because "they don't want to look like the folks that gave away the store," Bryant said.

Prospects for getting the bill to the President's desk this year are not especially bright, but Bryant vows not to give up.

To bolster his case, he cites a private study released last week showing foreign ownership in the United States more than tripled since 1980.

The congressional economic leadership institute said foreign investors own about 33 per cent of prime commercial real estate in Washington DC, 46 per cent in Los Angeles, and 39 per cent in Houston.

It said they own 10 per cent of the US manufacturing base, hold a majority interest in concrete and consumer electronics industries, and a significant portion in machine tools, chemicals and auto parts.

Nearly 3 million Americans are employed full-time or part-time as a result of foreign investment, the study said.

It acknowledged, however, that foreign investments still account for no more than 5 per cent to 6 per cent of US assets.

Bryant said it is "foolhardy" to believe foreign investors will avoid the United States if they must register their holdings because "every other country collects careful data" without scaring off business.

Investment

Nancy Leamond, president of the institute, said: "In our innermost circle of trading partners, we are the only nation that swings the door open unconditionally to virtually every investment."

Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III and former cabinet official Elliott Richardson claim Bryant's bill is anti-competitive.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	208.0
ABBEY LIFE	336/0	
ADT LTD	145.0	
ADL LYONS	420/0	
AMSTRAD	232.0	
ARGYLE GP	157/0	
ASDA GP	157/0	
BAA	276.5	
BTR	289.0	
BAT INDS	431/0	
BARCLAYS	402/0	
BASS	785/0	
BEAZER	180.0	
BEECHAMS	487/0	
BERKSFORD	376.0	
BICC PLC	369/0	
BLUE ARMY	105.0	
BLUE CIRC	458.0	
BUC GP	16.08	
BOOTS CO	228.0	
BR INDS	282.0	
BR COMH	240/0	
BR AIRWAY	155/0	
BR AEROSP	482/0	
BR GAS RT	180/0	
BR LAND	359/0	
B.P. NEW	59/0	
B.P. RT	59/0	
BURMAN OL	545/0	
BURTON	230.0	
CABLEWIR	380.0	
CADBURYS	378/0	
COATS VV	236/0	
COMI UN	382.0	
COMS GOLD	023/0	
COOKSON	257.0	
COURTAULD	353/0	
DALGETY	354/0	
DEE GP	183/0	
DIXONS	453/0	
ENG CHINA	488.0	
ENTER OIL	488.0	
FT BARCK	90/0	
FERRANTI	95.0	
GEN ACCIO	923/0	
GEN ELEC	166.0	
GLAXO	970/0	
GRAMADA	314.0	
GLOBE	144.0	
GLYNED	307/0	
GRAND MET	494/0	
GUARD RYL	196.5	
GUN	356/0	
GUINNESS	326.0	
HARRISON A	643/0	
HARRISON C	643/0	
HILLSDOWN	252/0	
HILLSDOWN	252/0	
ICI	055/0	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	124.0	124.0
2ND ALLCE	745.0	746.0
600 GROUP	111.0	113.0
A B PORTS	531.0	530.0
A.B. ELECT	446.0	446.0
AAR KENT	92.0	93.0
AAM HLD	285.0	286.0
AARONSON	117.0	116.0
ACRE OIL	220.0	220.0
ADDISON	40.0	39.0
ADVEST	243.0	243.0
ALEX WUKU	172.0	173.0
ALEXON	387.0	385.0
ALLD COLL	130.0	131.0
ALLD IR B	259.0	257.0
ALLD LON	130.0	131.0
ALLD PLNT	60.0	61.0
ALLIANCE	838.0	840.0
ANART	274.0	273.0
ANEC	374.0	375.0
AMER TRST	126.4	127.0
AMERSHAM	677.0	674.0
ANI HLTHC	251.0	250.0
ANGLO TIV	180.0	179.0
ANGLO O'S	212.4	213.0
ANSBACHER	85.0	86.0
APPLEYARD	487.0	488.0
APRICOT	126.0	125.0
APV PLC	122.0	122.0
AQUAS-A	79.0	80.0
ARAN ENGY	79.0	79.0
ARCHER AJ	138.0	138.0
ARLINGTON	188.0	188.0
ARMSTRONG	141.0	141.0
ASS NEWS	515.0	516.0
ASTRA HLD	33.4	34.0
ATLANTIC CH	495.0	490.0
ATTWOODS	288.0	287.0
AUS REE A	378.0	380.0
AUST REED	260.0	260.0
AUTO SECS	265.0	265.0
AVON RUBB	720.0	730.0
B. NEWELL	190.0	190.0
BAILL SHI	83.4	85.0
BAIRD (W)	265.0	264.0
BALR IRE	255.0	257.0
BANKER IT	73.0	73.0
BARKER DO	132.0	132.0
BART DEV	177.0	178.0
BAYNES C	28.0	29.0
BBA GROUP	182.0	182.0
BEAR S.WT	5.4	5.0
BEAR BRND	10.4	11.0
BELHAVEN	57.0	58.0
BELLWAY	250.0	250.0
BENROSE	221.0	221.0
BENLOX HD	52.0	52.0
BENTALLS	182.0	183.0
BHAM NINT	191.0	190.0
BIRMLD GL	399.0	398.0
BK OF SCO	391.0	392.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 IND	1502.0	1491.4	1496.5	1493.2
FT 500 SHR	0	1058.5	1061.6	1052.0
FT ALL SHR	0	966.77	969.89	963.01
FT 100 SHR	0	88.02	87.98	87.92
FT 1000 SHR	0	196.3	204.0	207.2
FT 10000 SHR	0	520.81	524.27	517.46
FT 100000 SHR	0	1840.6	1854.9	1834.0
FT 1000000 SHR	129.49	129.51	127.19	126.05
FT 10000000 SHR	112.27	112.06	109.44	109.51
FT 100000000 SHR	118.61	118.55	126.89	115.44

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS NEAR DAY'S HIGHS, HELPED BY WALL ST.
LONDON, AUG 3, REUTER - SHARE PRICES EDGED TOWARDS THE DAY'S HIGHS IN LATE AFTERNOON TRADING, REFLECTING WALL STREET'S RECOVERY FROM EARLY MODEST DECLINES.
DEALERS SAID INTEREST REMAINED LARGELY FOCUSED ON SPECULATIVE STOCKS WHILE A LOWER STERLING UNDERPINNED DEMAND FOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.
AT 1520 GMT, THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS 9.4 UP AT 1,564.9 AFTER A HIGH OF 1,866.4 ON A 1500 GMT TURNOVER OF 376.8 MLN SHARES.
AMONG THE INTERNATIONALS, ICI ROSE 11P TO 1,058, GLAXO 6P TO 979, BP 1P TO 260 AND BRITISH AEROSPACE 9P TO 483.
THE PROPERTY SECTOR RETURNED TO FAVOUR AFTER RECENT NEGLECT, CHIEFLY IN REACTION TO PEACHEY'S DEFENCE DOCUMENT TO A 265 MLN STG BID FROM DUTCH COMPANY WERELDAVE. HEPC ADDED 13P AT 560 AND LAND SECURITIES FIRMED 12P TO 589.
PEACHEY, 1P HIGHER AT 624, ESTIMATED ITS NET ASSET VALUE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 24, 1988, AT 629P PER SHARE, UP 47 PCT ON THE COMPARATIVE PERICO AND COMPARED THIS WITH WERELDAVE'S BID OF 612P.
PROPERTY ANALYSTS SAID ALTHOUGH THE MARKET HAD BEEN GENERALLY EXPECTING PEACHEY'S LATEST VALUATION TO BE IN EXCESS OF SIX STG, THE RATE OF GAIN WAS SURPRISING.

London Gold

LONDON, AUG 3, REUTER - GOLD BULLION FINISHED SLIGHTLY FIRMER, REFLECTING THE HIGHER OPENING AND EARLY TRADE OF NEW YORK GOLD FUTURES TODAY, BUT IN GENERAL DULL VOLUMES MANY TRADERS WERE SIBLINGLY AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF TODAY'S OPEC PRICE COMMITTEE MEETING IN SWITZERLAND, DEALERS SAID.
GOLD CLOSED AT 433.50/434.00 DLR AN OUNCE FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE OF 432.25/432.75 AND TODAY'S AFTERNOON FIX OF 434.10.
THE MARKET GAINED ON THE BACK OF STRONGER COMEX WITH MANY TRADERS IGNORING THE SMALL MOVEMENTS IN THE DOLLAR AND CRUDE OIL PRICES. TRADE IN LONDON REMAINED SUBDUED WITH ACTIVITY LARGELY CONFINED TO LIGHT PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS, DEALERS ADDED.

London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 3, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES CONTINUED LITTLE CHANGED IN QUIET LATE TRADING WITH NO MAJOR NEW FACTORS EMERGING TO CHANGE SENTIMENT.
STERLING'S FLUCTUATIONS WERE SHROUDED OFF BY THE MARKET WITH DEALERS SAYING THAT MUCH LARGER MOVES WOULD BE NEEDED TO PROMPT PRESSURE FOR A CHANGE IN U.K. BASE RATES.
AT 1500 GMT, THE POUND WAS JUST 0.1 OFF ITS PREVIOUS CLOSE AT 76.5 ON ITS TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX AFTER REACHING A LOW ON THE DAY OF 76.3. EARLY IN THE SESSION, STERLING'S EASIER TONE LED TO SLIGHTLY FIRMER RATES, BUT IN LATE TRADING THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS STEADY AT 10-7/8 3/4 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	FIX
DLR	1.7065/70	1.8765/70	6.3265/95	FIX
STG	1.7050/60	3.2000/35	10.7835/7985	NID
DMK	1.8733/8813	3.195/209	29.580/740	FIX
FFR	6.1395/3315	336.8/337.5	24.72/75	1300
SFR	1.5647/5657	2.6675/6707	83.31/40	24.72/75
NFL	2.1170	3.6150	112.89	33.485
EDU	1.11090	0.650907	2.08472	7.02979
SDR	1.30165	0.757522	2.42966	8.19976
YEN	133.10/20	226.93/227.24		
SDR RATES	02/08/1988	OTHERS	03/08/1988	NOON

BLACK LE 2	16/6	17/0
BNETT +F	38/0	38/0
JAGUAR	253/0	252/0
BOODINGTON	170/0	170/0
BODY SHOP	623/0	625/0
BOOKER	404/0	404/0
BOOTH HENR	374/0	374/0
BORTHWICK	67/0	68/0
BOWATER	413/0	413/0
BR OREGI	149/0	149/0
BR VITA	239/0	239/0
BRENT CHE	165/0	166/0
BRENT MCR	425/0	425/0
BRITANNIC	360/0	362/0
BRITONER	528/0	529/0
BRUNNER	111/0	110/0
BULMER HP	173/0	173/0
CALOR GRP	387/0	387/0
CAMB ELEC	253/0	253/0
CANB INST	57/0	57/0
CANNING W	180/0	181/0
CANNING W	235/0	235/0
CANNON ST	322/0	321/0
CAP GRP	305/0	307/0
CAP RCO	305/0	306/0
CARLTON EN	161/0	160/0
CARLESS C	119/0	119/0
CARLTON C	745/0	743/0
CASE GRP	122/0	123/0
CATER ALL	358/0	360/0
CAULDON	11/4	12/0
CHAM PHUP	150/0	150/0
CHARTERNA	24/4	24/4
CHAS CHUR	110/0	110/0
CHLORIDE	61/0	61/0
CHRISTIES	549/0	548/0
CI GROUP	49/0	49/0
CLYDE PET	125/0	125/0
CONTR. SEC	58/0	58/0
CNTRY OIL	173/0	174/0
COATES BR	324/0	327/0
COLLINS A	485/0	488/0
COLLINS W	578/0	583/0
COLOROLL	197/0	196/0
CONNELLS	310/0	313/0
COSTAIN	309/0	308/0
COURTES FR	129/0	130/0
COVIE (T)	107/0	107/0
CREST NIK	207/0	208/0
CRH	138/0	138/0
CRODA INT	207/0	207/0
CRYSTALAT	156/0	156/0
DARES EST	31/4	32/0
DAWSON IN	231/0	231/0
DE LA RUE	459/0	460/0
DELTA CRP	310/0	310/0
DEVENISH	339/0	338/0
DIPLOMA	234/0	233/0
DOITY GRP	204.0	202.0
DRAYTON C	454/0	453/0
DRG	473/0	473/0
DUNDEE LD	295/0	291/0
DUNHILL	209/0	208/0
EAGLE TST	15/2	15/2
EATON T. T.	217/0	217/0
ELECTRA	260/0	260/0
ELECTRON	217/0	217/0
ELLIS EVA	195.0	196.0
ELLIS GOL	144.0	143.0
ENAP	220/0	219/0
EMPIRE ST	240/0	241/0
ETA GROUP	88/0	88/0
ETAM	249/0	250/0
EURO W RG	22/4	22/4
EURO HOME	325/0	325/0
EUROHERM	378/0	378/0
EUROTRN GR	332/0	333/0
EVERED NL	117/0	117/0
EVROE GRP	187/0	188/0
EXPANET	204/0	205/0
FAC EUROIT	215/0	215/0
FAC PACIF	134/0	133/0
FAC SMILL	72/0	72/0
FARNELL E	178/0	178/0
FED. INSH	214/0	214/0
FENNER IN	160/0	160/0
FERGUSON	271/0	271/0
FITCH LOV	283/0	283/0
FLNG AMR	122/4	123/0
FLNG CLAV	252/0	251/0
FLNG FEA	182/0	183/0
FLNG JAPN	204/0	203/0
FLNG MERC	181/0	182/0
FLNG OSEA	159/0	159/0
FLNG TECH	185/0	185/0
FLNG UNIV	146/0	147/0
FORSECO HI	261/0	260/0
FR GROUP	242/0	242/0
FRESHBAKE	142/0	142/0
FST LEISR	235/0	237/0
FST NAT F	391/0	392/0
FST SCOT	106/4	107/0
FUR & COL	52/0	52/0
GARDNER	280/0	281/0
GEEST	144/0	144/0
GET INTL	232/0	230/0
GETESTNER	122/0	121/0
GOL PET	57/0	56/0
GPG	281/0	281/0
GRAMPN HD	469/0	470/0
GREEN KNG	233/0	232/0
GREYCOAT	420/0	421/0
GRUP TV A	47/0	48/0
GT. PYLID	395/0	395/0
GUS ORD	665/0	660/0
GVT STIA	261/0	261/0
HALL DND	122/0	121/0
HALL (N)	153/0	154/0
HALLA	185/0	185/0
HAMBROS I	220/0	220/0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	321.3	321.1	316.3	306.2
AUSTRIA	219.8	220.7	218.3	208.8
BELGIUM	379.9	367.8	375.5	368.2
CANADA	365.9	364.6	364.6	375.1
DENMARK	440.9	441.5	437.5	436.4
FRANCE	372.2	370.8	364.5	370.5
GERMANY	184.3	184.7	180.8	176.9
HONG KONG	1992.6	1989.0	1958.9	1945.9
FINLAND	125.4	125.1	124.6	123.5
ITALY	427.3	428.2	419.0	402.3
JAPAN	1332.9	1331.4	1299.4	1269.9
NETHERLANDS	270.8	271.3	263.2	253.4
NEW ZEAL	100.2	99.7	100.0	96.1
NORWAY	509.2	509.0	505.8	498.9
SPAIN	659.0	657.4	640.7	633.7
SWEDEN	962.7	964.8	950.3	917.0
SWITZ	159.6	158.9	158.5	147.2
U.K.	560.4	561.6	555.5	526.3
U.S.A.	250.6	250.6	244.9	251.9
WORLD	457.2	457.2	449.3	446.8
E.A.F.E.	861.8	861.8	848.5	829.3

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	30/2	30/3
ATLANTIC R	83/5	83/7
AKR CORP	25/3	25/6
ABBOTT LAB	46/1	46/2
ACME CLVD	10/6	10/7
ADV NICO	13/4	13/3
AEROFAL LAB	8/4	8/4
AETNA LIFE	46/6	47/0
AMMANSON	16/2	16/1
AIR PR-CHM	47/0	47/0
ALASKA AIR	18/4	18/5
ALBERTSONS	31/7	31/7

International Bond Highlights

London — The coupon on the 100 min dir equity warrant Eurobond for Nippon Fire and Marine Insurance Co Ltd reported last month from Tokyo has been indicated at 5-1/4 pct, lead manager Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd said. Market sources noted that the indicated coupon level of 5-1/4 pct compares with the last coupon on a five year deal of 4-7/8 pct. (RTVQ 0909)

London — The coupon on the 200 min dir four year equity warrant bond for Mitsui Toatsu Chemicals Inc has been indicated at 4-1/2 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. The last level at which a four year Japanese equity warrant was fixed 3-7/8 pct. (RTVQ 0920)

London — The Abbey National Building Society is issuing a 200 min dir Eurobond due Sept 10, 1993 paying 9-3/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd said. (RTVQ 1034)

London — BP America Inc is issuing a 100 min dir Eurobond due Sept 1, 1989 paying 10-1/2 pct and priced at 102.80 pct, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd said. (RTUL 0755)

London — Nordic Investment Bank (NIB) is issuing a 100 min Canadian dir, zero coupon Eurobond due Sept 13, 1996 priced at 46.55 pct, lead manager Wood Gundy Inc said. (RTXS 1522)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 9-3/4 1/2	10-3/8 1/4	10-7/8 3/4
FFI 4.80/90	5.00/05	5.20/30
PAR 7-1/16	7-1/16 3/16	7-1/16 1/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/4	3-1/2 3-3/4
BRX 4.40	6-3/4 13/16	7-1/8 3/16
ROM 10-10-1/2	10-5/8 11-1/8	11-1/2 1-1/8
AMS 5.0 5-1/4	5-1/16 5-3/16	5-1/16 5-7/16
TOK 3.8125 8750	4.0000 0625	UNR
ECU 6.75 7.00	6.87 7.00	7.18 7.31

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5-15/16	6-5/16
3 months	6	6-3/8
6 months	6-1/8	6-7/16
1 year	6-3/16	6-9/16

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	59	59	59	NICO	600	575	580
ACC 251.50	246	246	GNFC	48.50	47.50	48	NUKAND	85	85	84
ASIA PAINT 153.75	153.75	155	GRSIN	108	107	107	NOCL	480	470	485
BAJAJ AUTO 252.50	247.50	250	HIND LEVER	69.50	68.50	68.50	PEICO	28	26.50	28
BAR. RAYON 240	235	240	HINDALCO	95	95	95.50	PFIZER	62	62	61
BOM. OYING 111	108	109	HINDCOCA	83.75	81.25	82.50	PRE-AUTO	33	32.50	32.50
B. BOND 87	86	87	HINDMOTOR	26.75	26.50	26	RAYMOND	49	48	49
BSE INDEX 609.60	604.36	604.36	IND ORG	25.75	24	25	RELIANCE	204	201.50	203
CENTURYSPG 890	880	882.50	INDRAGON	66	66	66.50	SIEMENS	70	69	70
COLGATE 222.50	217.50	220	INDROL	170	162.50	166.25	SPIC	52	51.50	51.50
DEEPAKPERT 40	38.50	39	ITC	45.50	43	44	STOWILLA	258	252.50	260
EL. HOTEL 50	48	50	JSCYNTH	64	62	63.25	TATA PWR	247.50	245	250
ESSKATF 117.50	115	116.25	L AND T	109.50	107	111.50	TATACHEN	74.50	73	75
ESSAR 19	18.50	18.75	HARINDRA	58.50	57.50	59.50	TELCO	675	665	667.50
GAR. POLY 78	77.50	78	MASTERSHR	10.50	10.25	10.40	TISCO	832.50	822.50	822.50
GE. SHIP 29.75	29.50	29.25	MATHER PL	52	51	51	VOLTAS	305	300	312.50

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	0.61 0.60
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	0.50 0.50
ARAB BANK	3.10 3.12
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.96 3.95
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	0.99 0.94
ARAB INSURANCE	0.98 0.98
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.94 0.90
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.53 0.58
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	2.10 2.10
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	1.00 1.00
ARAB PAPER CO./TRD	1.98 1.97
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	0.76 0.75
ARAB PHARM/CHEN	---
ARAB POTASH CO.	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65 1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	14.80 14.86
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00 0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00 28.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05 1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	---
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	---
ORCO/INVEST/HOUS.	---
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	3.65 3.55
GARAGE OWNERS/OFF	2.39 2.63
GENERAL INSURANCE	1.26 1.26
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.31 1.31
GENERAL MINING.	0.75 0.75
HIMMEN MINERALS	---
HOLY LAND INS.	---
IND. MATCH JEMCO	---
INDSTRI DEVLPT BNK	1.50 1.50
INDSTRI/COM/ARG.	---
INDSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75 0.75
INTERCOM/INVEST	---
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.85 0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64 0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	---
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79 0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26 1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.50 14.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.22 1.23
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01 25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	---
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	---
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	2.50 2.30
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	1.58 1.51
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.	1.20 1.20
JOR INS AND FIN.	---
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.61 0.60
JOR LIM BRICK	---
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50 0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	---
JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	---
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	---
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	---
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00 2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00 4.05
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	---
JOR SECURITY CORP	---
JOR SELPHO CHEN.	---
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	---
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.58 4.60
JOR. KAMAIT AGR	1.00 1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	---
JOR. FRENCH INS.	---
JOR INV. FIN. CORP	---
JORDAN GULF REAL	---
JORDAN OILRY	---
JORDAN GULF BANK	0.94 0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85 13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BK	1.72 1.71
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.42 1.41
JORDAN TANNING	---
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	---
MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN	0.78 0.78
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69 0.73
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60 0.40
MIDDLE EAST INS.	60.00 60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60 0.58
MAT. FIN. INVEST CO	---
MAT/CABEL/WIRE/MF	---
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.23 1.23
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.40 0.41
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	---
NATIONAL STEEL	---
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28
PETRA BAK. JRS.	1.92 1.97
PETRA JRS. INS.	0.35 0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.81 0.82
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80 0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	---
SHIPPING LINES	0.88 0.88
SPINNING WEAVING	0.77 0.76
THE HOUSING BANK	1.85 1.86
UNITED INSURANCE	0.96 0.97
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.46 1.51
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.23 1.11
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.71 0.70
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10 1.08

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	71.00	71.50	72.00
AC-A	9.30	9.40	9.40	LC-B	51	52	54
ANS	2.70	2.75	2.75	PX-A	37	37	36
FER-A	2.60	2.65	2.70	PX-B	37	38	38
GLO	33.50	34.50	---	---	---	---	---
PLDT	243.00	244.00	240.00	BP-A	0.023	0.024	0.024
KPSI-A	2.28	2.30	2.26	BP-B	0.024	0.025	0.024
SNC-A	147.00	148.00	148.00	LRC-A	0.004	0.004	0.004
SNC-B	227.00	231.00	230.00	LRC-B	0.004	0.004	0.004
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPM-A	0.041	0.042	0.042
APX-A	0.038	0.04	0.04	OPM-B	0.041	0.042	0.042
APX-B	0.039	0.04	0.04	OV-A	0.037	0.038	0.038
AT-A	19.75	20.00	20.25	OV-B	0.037	0.039	0.038

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	1,374,040	33,650,005	926.25	4.83 UP
COM. IND.	57,204,200	9,732,450	4,812.82	95.54 DN
MINING	285,050,000	3,509,770	6.612	0.086 DN
DIL	343,628,240	46,692,225	858.26	6.38 DN

PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	72.00	73.00	73.00
SNC-A	148.00	149.00	149.00	LC-B	92.00	92.00	92.00
SNC-B	227.00	231.00	231.00	LC-A	49	50	51
SO-TIRE	35.50	36.00	35.50	LC-B	51	52	53
PLDT	243.00	244.00	240.00	ZIP	0.011	0.012	0.012
ANGCOR-A	2.65	2.70	2.70	---	---	---	---
AC-A	9.30	9.40	9.40	STOCK BUY	0.024	0.025	0.025
GLO	33.50	34.00	33.50	STOCK SELL	0.024	0.025	0.025
FER-A	2.60	2.65	2.65	BP-B	0.024	0.025	0.025
FER-B	2.65	2.70	---	LRC-B	0.004	0.004	0.004
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	LRC-B	0.004	0.004	0.004
STOCK BUY	---	---	---	OPM-A	0.041	0.042	0.042
STOCK SELL	---	---	---	OPM-B	0.041	0.042	0.042
APX-A	0.039	0.04	0.04	OV-A	0.037	0.038	0.038
APX-B	0.04	0.041	0.041	OV-B	0.037	0.039	0.039
AT-A	19.75	20.00	20.25	TA	0.024	0.025	0.025
AT-B	21.50	22.00	---	---	---	---	---

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	2,364,850	29,665,510	923.93	UP 5.07
C/I	263,500,900	25,291,575	4,751.82	DN 29.69
OILS	656,550,000	8,346,070	6.999	DN 22.29
TOTAL	922,415,750	63,303,155	871.21	DN 9.38

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR	CL	G TOWN	146	255	L.K. NGAM	94.5	94
AIJINOMOTO	200	190	G U HLDGS	102	102	M GLASS	228	225
ALEXANDRA	106	106	GANDA HDG	38.5	38.5	M TIN PRT	78	83.5
ANAL IND	105	105	GEN CORP	86	86	M UTD IND	166	167
ANCOL	159	162	GENTING	588	585	M UTD NFG	77	75.5
AKOM TCM	111	111	GOLD COIN	210	210	M SHITA	620	620
BA TOB	172	170	GUINNESS	128	128	M HATA	62	60
C & C	296	291	GUINNESS	34	34	M HATA	264	259
CARLSBERG	565	560	H L IND.	181	183	M HATA	87	90
CHUAN HUP	111	111	HARIANU	107	107	M HATA	458	458
CI HLDGS	90	90	HAW PAR	406	406	M HATA	850	815
CK TANG	540	535	HEXZA	89.5	88	M HATA	126	126
COLD STOR	496	498	HUM IND	205	205	M HATA	48.5	45
DAYPAT	55	55	HUA HONG	108	104	M HATA	352	348
DIGI	520	520	IMATX PE	304	304	M HATA	169	167
DUNLOP IND	117	111	INTRACO	765	770	M HATA	146	145
DUTCHBAV	444	444	ISEYAN	107	101	M HATA	178	178
ELEC MAGN	182	177	J CEMENT	310	312	M HATA	45	45
ESSO ORD	392	392	J ENGRG	114	114	M HATA	236	236
EU YAN S.	210	210	JC ENT	110	110	M HATA	128	125
EVERPEACE	100	100	K HLDGS	120	120	M HATA	44	45
F A C B	250	249	KAMUNTING	100	100	M HATA	236	236
F E SHIP	965	960	KAMUNTING A	94	92.5	M HATA	128	125
FBN ORD	667	667	KECK SENG	201	197	M HATA	119	115
FEB CABLE	560	560	KENTUCKY	263	261	M HATA	69.5	69
FED FLOOR	268	268	KEPPEL	308	304	M HATA	111	106
FIMA BID	656	656	KR FLOUR	220	220	M HATA	1240	1230
FUJITEC	82	80	KIAN JOO	141	131	M HATA	270	270
G KENT	125	117	KILLINGHA	354	354	M HATA	139	140

Singapore Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSED MODERATELY HIGHER
SINGAPORE, AUG 3, REUTER - SHARE PRICES FORGED AHEAD IN THE AFTERNOON TO CLOSE MODERATELY HIGHER ON SUSTAINED BUYING INTEREST AND SHORT-COVERING IN ACTIVE TRADING, BROKERS SAID.

THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX ROSE 9.37 POINTS TO 1,170.20, A NEW HIGH FOR THE YEAR. ADVANCES OUTNUMBERED DECLINES BY 145 TO 48. TURNOVER TOTALLED 63.7 MLN SHARES AGAINST 74.9 MLN ON TUESDAY.

DEALERS SAID STRONG BUYING BY INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS OF SINGAPORE-BASED BLUE CHIPS AND BANKING STOCKS HELPED SEVERAL ISSUES POST SIZEABLE GAINS.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.110	1.100	1.110	1.100	2350000	78
GULF BANK	0.450	0.445	0.455	0.445	2310000	76
COMMERCIAL BK	0.340	0.335	0.340	0.335	1980000	53
AMLI BANK	0.420	0.415	0.420	0.415	1330000	44
B.K.W.E.	0.420	0.410	0.415	0.410	200000	4
K.R.E.B.	0.480	0.455	0.455	0.455	20000	1
BURJAN BANK	0.335	0.330	0.340	0.330	3190000	119
K.F.HOUSE	0.540	0.520	0.540	0.520	1700000	49

World oil market under review

Key OPEC ministers begin talks

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Aug. 3. (AP) The price monitoring committee of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries began meeting today to discuss world oil market price developments since the last regular OPEC conference in June.

The five-nation committee, comprising ministers from Venezuela, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Algeria, met behind closed doors at a luxury hotel in this lakeside city. Conference members said the meeting would last one or two days.

Quota

Venezuelan Oil Minister Arturo Hernandez Griso said yesterday that one item on the agenda would be a report by OPEC secretary-general Subroto, of Indonesia, on his visit to the United Arab Emirates in July.

Subroto visited the UAE after

it decided to abandon its OPEC oil output quota of 948,000 barrels a day and to aim to produce up to 1.5 million.

The committee is also to discuss the OPEC auditors' report for OPEC production in May, as well as estimates from secondary sources for June and July production.

Prices

Indonesian Oil Minister Ginandjar Kartasasmita said yesterday that industry estimates for June OPEC production were between 18.54-18.56 million barrels a day, while July production estimates were understood to be around 19 million barrels a day.

One OPEC delegate source said "19 million barrels a day is definitely too much [for OPEC to be producing]. We will never see prices recover in the short-to-medium term at that level."

In a related development,

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisbani Nazer, responding to press reports that his country's oil output in July was above its OPEC quota, said today "that is wrong." He said Saudi Arabia is producing within its output quota of 4.343 million barrels a day.

The OPEC price committee is empowered to study world oil price trends, and to call an emergency meeting of the full 13-member OPEC ministerial conference if it finds that world oil prices have diverged significantly from OPEC's \$18 a barrel average reference price.

Production

OPEC president Rilwanu Lukman, Nigeria's Oil Minister, said yesterday that a full OPEC meeting could not be excluded.

Delegate sources said that another topic of discussion by the pricing committee would be

the effect on OPEC production levels of a possible ceasefire between Iran and Iraq.

The sources said that two opinions have apparently arisen on the possible effect.

Some within OPEC believe a ceasefire could result in the two countries' flooding world oil markets with crude as they try to sell more oil to finance the reconstruction of their war-torn economies.

Others seem to think that an end to the war would mean greater co-operation within OPEC and lead to production restraint, the sources said.

Crude oil prices dropped nearly 50 cents a barrel yesterday on reports of overproduction by OPEC members and doubts that the organisation's pricing committee will hammer out a solution at its meeting.

Crude oil for delivery in Sep-

tember finished down 47 cents at \$15.61 a barrel on the New York mercantile exchange. Traders said selling accelerated after the September contract fell through a key barrier of \$15.80 a barrel.

"The market now expects little positive action to come out of the price committee meeting," said John O'Connell, research director of Refco Inc.

North Sea Brent oil for September was quoted at \$14.95 a barrel on the spot market, down 50 cents from Monday's close.

Meanwhile, Gulf oil industry sources told Reuters that oil output by the six Gulf members of OPEC exceeded their combined assigned quotas by 2 million barrels in July. The six producers — Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Qatar and the UAE — produced 12.5 million barrels a day in July, the highest level in one year, the sources said.

International economic sanctions trim South African exports

TORONTO, Aug. 3. (Reuters) International economic sanctions have trimmed South African exports by seven per cent since 1983 but several nations have filled that gap by defying trade bans, a report commissioned by Commonwealth foreign ministers said.

The United States, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden cut total imports from South Africa to \$2.18 billion in 1987 from \$3.39 billion in 1985, Commonwealth sources quoting from the report told Reuters on Tuesday.

But the reduction has been eliminated by increased purchases from Japan, Taiwan, West Germany, Italy, Spain and Turkey.

Sanctions

"It's clear that the limited sanctions on South Africa have had an effect, both economically and politically," said one delegate.

"But these other countries must stop importing."

The report, said to be the first time international trade data has been compiled on the impact of sanctions, is to be discussed on the second of a two-day meeting of Commonwealth foreign ministers on Tuesday.

Exports

The study urges Commonwealth countries to step up pressure against those countries which are increasing trade with South Africa and recommends widening existing bans to cover such items as copper, tin, zinc, wool, cotton and wood pulp which are readily available in other countries.

Wool and wood pulp, for

example, each account for two per cent of South Africa's exports, the report says.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal, who called for tougher sanctions in his opening remarks to the meeting on Tuesday, told Reuters, "we'll have to look at other products."

The existing sanctions universally applied, coupled with a ban on the items proposed by the report, would account for 30 per cent of total South African exports, one delegate said.

Purchases

"The economy won't grind to a halt but their living conditions will be affected," said the delegate, who asked not to be identified. "You're trying to create discomfort. You want the Whites to feel the price of apartheid."

The sanctions have caused South Africa to drop the price of some of its goods to attract new buyers.

Spain, Hong Kong, South Korea, Belgium, Taiwan, Netherlands and Portugal are named as nations which have recently increased their coal purchases, while Turkey, Israel and Argentina are among nations that now buy more South African iron and steel.

"They're taking advantage of sanctions by buying cheaper products," the delegate said.

The United States, among those that reduced its imports the most, bought \$965 million less in goods from South Africa last year, or 42 per cent, than it did three years ago.

Denmark slashed its imports by \$135 million, or 96 per cent,

last year over 1985.

Japan is named as the country that has most increased the value of its imports of South African goods, buying \$748 million more than it did in 1985, a 44 per cent increase.

Taiwan, with the greatest percentage increase in South African imports, bought \$305 million more in goods last year, or 146 per cent more than it did three years ago.

The report was compiled by international experts using published data from South Africa's trading partners. It covers all aspects of its trade except for arms and oil.

A final report on sanctions is due in May but the statistics on its exports are not expected to change.

Foreign ministers interviewed about the statistics said they had not yet studied the report but supported its calls for increased diplomatic pressure.

Sanctions

Some, like Zimbabwean Foreign Affairs Minister Nathan Shamuyarira said any new sanctions would be welcomed. "We must have a wider and tighter programme," he said.

The report also says South Africa has obtained an increasing amount of trade credits, under which it is granted a certain period of time to pay back its shopping bills.

West Germany imported \$289 million more last year than three years ago, a 30 per cent increase; Italy bought \$163 million more, or 10 per cent; Spain climbed \$145 million, or 84 per cent, and Turkey with \$116 million more in goods jumped 132 per cent.

Mexico to seek increase in coffee export quota

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 3. (UPI) Mexico, the world's fourth largest coffee producer, will request an increase of its coffee export quota at the next International Coffee Organisation meeting, officials said today.

Antonio Alvarez, chief spokesman for the government-funded Mexican Coffee Institute told United Press International that a sharp drop in coffee prices last month will have a severe impact on the country's already fragile economy, and will force Mexico to request a higher coffee export quota for the 1988-89 crop.

"Mexico will try to get a better export quota for next year. Constant reductions in our export quotas are affecting not only our economy but also the national coffee producers," Alvarez said.

Coffee is Mexico's second largest export after oil. Mexico earned \$775 million for its 1986-1987 crop.

Increase

Officials and analysts agreed that Mexico needs to increase its coffee exports to generate more foreign exchange to service its \$103 billion foreign debt.

Alvarez said Mexico will make its request at the next meeting of the ICO's 74 member countries. No final date had been set for the meeting in London where the ICO is based, but Alvarez said it was likely to be held in the second half of September. Fifty of the 74 ICO members are coffee-exporters and the remaining are consumers.

Alvarez said Mexico's initial export quota was 2.2 million bags for the 1987-88 crop, but the figure was later reduced to 2 million bags due to an excess offer on the world markets. Mexico had already exported 1.74 million bags by the end of June and is expected to complete its quota by the end of August. One bag amounts to 132.35 pounds (60 kg) of coffee.

The total coffee export quotas for all the ICO producers for 1987-88 is 53 million bags, and Mexico's share is 4.4 per cent.

Mexico is the world's fourth largest coffee producer and exporter after Brazil, Colombia and Indonesia.

Mexico's last export reduction came last month when the price of coffee in international markets slumped from \$126 a bag to \$114.03.

Coffee prices peaked at \$240 a bag in 1985-86, following a severe drought in Brazil. Mexico's coffee exports peaked at \$861.66 million that year. Prices collapsed to \$97 a bag in 1986-87 when both Brazil and Colombia had record crops.

"Let's hope that the recent reduction in export quotas will stabilise coffee prices. The ICO members have to agree on a certain mechanism to revitalise prices," Alvarez said.

The ICO decides on a global coffee quota to prevent world prices from falling too low and then allocates individual quotas to the exporting countries, depending on their coffee's production and quality.

Tourism on the rise in Turkey

ANKARA, Aug. 3. (Reuters) The number of tourists visiting Turkey rose by 39 per cent in the first six months of 1988 to 1.54 million compared to the same period of 1987.

Tourism revenues rose 24 per cent to \$569 million in the first five months of the year compared to the 1987 period to end-May. Tourism Ministry officials said.

West German tourists were the most numerous, numbering 290,000. About 161,000 Greek tourists were also registered.

Stock markets mixed

Dollar holds steady, gold moves up

LONDON, Aug. 3. (Reuters) The dollar held steady today, but dealers said they were being cautious about buying more until the United States releases its unemployment figures for July on Friday.

That data will provide the first sign of how quickly the US economy grew last month. Dealers say that, if the economy keeps expanding strongly, the US central bank might want to raise interest rates to dampen the risk of inflation.

The dollar was hardly changed to close in Europe at 1.8745 West German marks and 132.85 Japanese yen. It traded at 1.71 dollars to the British pound sterling.

Nervous

On Wall Street, investors were nervous. The Dow Jones industrial average rose just 1.78 points to 2,133.00 at midday.

"Some investors expected Friday's jobs report to show the economy may be too strong for the Federal Reserve, which could then raise the discount rate," said Alan Ackerman, an analyst at Wall Street brokers Gruntz.

Higher interest rates could cut business profits and make shares a less attractive investment. But since they raise returns on such assets as bank accounts and bonds, higher rates increase demand for dollars.

Gold bullion was fixed in London this afternoon at \$434.10 an ounce, up \$2.85 from the morning.

ing fix and \$1.35 from yesterday afternoon.

Stock markets were mixed. Paris, Sydney and Hong Kong shares edged up and West German stocks were mixed.

In London, share prices edged towards the day's highs in late afternoon trading, reflecting Wall Street's recovery from early morning declines.

Dealers said interest remained largely focused on speculative stocks while a lower sterling underpinned demand for international issues.

At 1520 GMT, the FTSE 100 share index was 9.4 up at 1,864.9 after a high of 1,866.4 on a 1500 GMT turnover of 376.8 million shares.

Among the internationals, ICI rose 11p to 1.058, Glaxo 6p to 979, BP 1p to 260 and British Aerospace 3p to 483.

Favour

The property sector returned to favour after recent neglect, chiefly in reaction to Peachey's defence document to a £265 million bid from Dutch company Wereldwide. MEPC added 13p at 560 and Land Securities firmed 12p to 589.

Peachey, up higher at 624, estimated its net asset value for the year ended June 24, 1988, at 62p per share, up 47 per cent on the comparative period and compared this with Wereldwide's bid of 612p.

Property analysts said although the market had been gen-

erally expecting Peachey's latest valuation to be in excess of £6, the rate of gain was surprising.

Analysts said the bulk of the gain in Peachey's asset value appeared to stem from a 70 per cent growth in the value of a block of properties in Carnaby Street, London.

Diversified property group Trafalgar House added 11p at 317 on rumours it is to sell its oil and gas interests, which analysts say would fetch between £175 million and £225 million.

Speculation

In the brewery sector, Vaux Group ended 20p higher at 720 on bid speculation after hotel group Queens Moat confirmed it raised its stake in the company to 43.7 per cent. Queens Moat said it does not intend to increase its stake further at the moment but this depends on market conditions.

Most analysts believe Queens Moat is unlikely to bid for Vaux. Leisure group Pleasurama surged over 10 per cent on late speculative demand following rumours of an imminent bid. Pleasurama declined comment.

Rank Organisation, MECCA, and Ladbroke were among names mentioned as possible suitors, dealers said.

Pleasurama showed a net gain of 22p at 226 after touching a high of 233. Pleasurama is currently capitalised at around £460 million, excluding recent acquisitions, one analyst said.

Texaco plans to sell interest in Texaco Canada

NEW YORK, Aug. 3. (AP) Texaco Inc., fresh from victory in a bitter proxy fight with corporate raider Carl Icahn, said today it has decided to sell its 78 per cent interest in Texaco Canada Inc.

Sale of Texaco's stake, which is worth about \$2.7 billion at its current stock price, would be the third major sale of operating assets under Texaco's continuing \$5-billion restructuring programme.

The White Plains, New York-based oil giant has been studying various options surrounding Texaco Canada, including the possible sale, merger or joint venture of some or all of the stake.

James W. Kinnear, Texaco's president and chief executive

officer, said: "We have concluded that pursuing negotiations toward sale of our interest in Texaco Canada is the best means of maximizing Texaco Canada's value to the company and its shareholders."

Assets

The company said in a statement it might be interested in retaining certain Texaco Canada assets, particularly its foreign exploration venture with Texaco.

Texaco Canada owns two refineries and two lubricant-blending and grease-making plants in Canada. The subsidiary has 1,800 Texaco-brand retail outlets across Canada.

The operation controls 10.4

per cent of the Canadian petroleum products market and 13.5 per cent of the gasoline market.

Both Husky Oil Ltd. and Occidental Petroleum Corp. have publicly stated their interest in the Canadian operation in the past.

Operations

In addition, Icahn said in June that he had discussed a Texaco takeover with both Husky and Gulf Canada Ltd. The talks were aimed at forging a joint venture but apparently were unsuccessful.

Texaco defeated Icahn in a proxy fight for five seats on the oil giant's board.

In June, Texaco announced it would sell its West German operations for \$1.25 billion to Rheinisch-Westfälisches Elektrizitätswerk AG. Also that month, Texaco entered into a \$1.28-billion deal to sell 50 per cent of its refining and marketing operations in 23 states to Saudi Arabia.

The company has said it plans to distribute to shareholders \$1.7 billion of the money it raises in the restructuring.

The keystone of Texaco's restructuring plan was a \$3-billion payment to Pennzoil Co. to settle a lawsuit resulting from Texaco's 1984 acquisition of Getty Oil Co. after Pennzoil had made earlier moves to acquire Getty.

US Senate debates trade bill changes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (Reuters) Senate Democratic leaders today were fending off last-minute attempts to change a bill that would overhaul US trade policy.

The debate, which began on Tuesday, took on heavy political overtones as Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the Democratic nominee for Vice-President, led the attempt to win final passage.

Under the legislation, which was passed overwhelmingly in the House of Representatives, the United States would be forced to retaliate against trading partners believed to have unfair barriers to US products.

"It is designed not to close markets, but to open markets," Bentsen told colleagues.

Retaliation

Critics say the bill would prompt retaliation from the nations feeling its hurt — particularly Japan, West Germany, South Korea and Taiwan.

Democratic leaders led the fight against 15 amendments to change the controversial measure, which was vetoed by President Ronald Reagan in May and revised to meet his chief objections.

Any changes to the bill would cast serious doubt on its passage this year because they would reopen negotiations between the House and Senate, which have already spent three years trying to craft a bill.

In an early test, the Senate rejected a bid to impose restrictions on fur imports from the Soviet Union. That effort was defeated by a 54-32 vote.

Fund

The trade bill would set up a fund to assist American workers made jobless because of import competition, and alter the legal definition of bribes made by US firms conducting business overseas.

The measure also imposes sanctions against Japan's Toshiba Corp and Kongsberg Vaapenfabrik of Norway for selling military technology to the Soviet Union.

Action on the trade bill came the day after Reagan reversed himself and reluctantly accepted a bill that forces big companies to give 60 days' notice before closing a plant or ordering mass layoffs.

IDB loan for Bangladesh

JEDDAH, Aug. 3. (OPECNA) The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is to extend a \$4-million loan to finance the import of phosphoric acid by Bangladesh.

The agreement was signed here on Sunday by IDB's vice president Ousmane Seck and Bangladesh Consul to Jeddah, Sayyed Moazzam Ali.

Brittan likely to side with EEC on currency

LONDON, Aug. 3. (Reuters) Newly appointed commissioner in Europe, is expected to support efforts to persuade the government to join the European Monetary System despite Mrs Thatcher's opposition, according to a UK daily.

His stance casts doubt on a view held in Westminster that he will prove significantly more pliable than Lord Cockfield, whom senior ministers privately accuse of having "gone native" during his four years in Brussels.

He is understood to be considering the unusual step of appointing the equivalent of a parliamentary private secretary — an MP who will act as his eyes and ears in Westminster. This will be seen as evidence that Brittan, who is 48, intends eventually to return to domestic politics.

His support for British entry into the EMS contrasts with the tone of Mrs Thatcher's outspoken remarks on radio's Jimmy Young Show last week in which she dismissed moves towards European monetary and political union.

It could bring Brittan, who takes up his new post in January, into early conflict with the prime minister, since, unlike former Cabinet colleagues, he will be able to speak freely in public on the issue.

He has refused to make any policy pronouncements on Europe since his appointment

eight days ago. But he has never recanted from a little noted declaration during the budget debate in 1986, when he came out strongly in favour of early British entry into the EMS.

Brittan, who had recently resigned from the Cabinet over the Westland affair, told the Commons: "I conclude that the moment is approaching very rapidly — if it has not already arrived — when we will fully join the EMS."

Officially the government's position is that it will join the EMS when the time is right. But Mrs Thatcher is known to oppose entry in the foreseeable future despite the views of some of her most senior ministers and some backbenchers who are under pressure from businessmen in their constituencies; they argue that a freely floating pound suits exports.

Close parliamentary colleagues of Brittan see him as a symbol of independence. Irritated by suggestions that he will be a "poodle" of the Thatcher government, they point out that he has differed openly and sharply on a number of Government policies since resigning from the Cabinet over two years ago.

Besides his distinctive line on the EMS, they cite his criticism in this year's budget debate of the chancellor's promise of an income tax target of 20p in the pound.

Anglo-Iraqi trade set for further expansion

LONDON, Aug. 3. (KUNA) Anglo-Iraqi trade, already showing signs of revival as the result of Baghdad's stronger economy, seemed set for further expansion, according to figures released here today.

Provisional British estimates indicated that the UK exports to Iraq totalled £115 million in the January-April period this year, 20 per cent up on the same period of 1987.

Over the same period, British imports from Iraq declined from £40 million to £22 million, reported the London fortnightly magazine, *Mid-East Markets*.

The net result is that the British surplus on bilateral trade rose from £26 million to £93 million.

Relations

"The Iraqi market is looking up," Dennis Cumming, chairman of the advisory committee for Middle East Trade (COMET) was quoted as saying by the publication which is part of the Financial Times group.

COMET is a British department of trade-sponsored body which links British companies trading with the Middle East.

"We have good relations with the Iraqis, and there are significant opportunities in almost all sectors," he added.

Iraq's cashflow situation was greatly improved compared to recent years when oil prices were low and Baghdad's exports were restricted by Iran's destruction of Iraqi oil terminals at the start of Gulf war.

However, he noted that the need to finance the war was still a major constraint on civilian trade.

British companies are evidently aware of the prospects, for peace, with Iran's acceptance of the ceasefire resolution, showing strong interest in attending the Baghdad international trade fair in November.

Cumming believed that this move was in sharp contrast to previous years, when "it got to the stage where companies had to be persuaded to attend."

One reason for the buoyancy of UK-Iraqi trade has been a series of British lines of credit to Baghdad since 1984, and further credit agreements are in prospect, said *Mid-East Markets*.

Egypt raises oil prices

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 3. (AP) Egypt today announced it was raising its oil export prices for all grades by \$1.40 per barrel for the first half of August, a senior oil ministry official said.

Hammad Ayoub, the ministry's director of foreign sales, said the new price of the top-grade Gulf of Suez was \$14.15 per barrel.

He said Belayim would sell for \$13.30 per barrel, Ras Badran for \$12.15 a barrel and Ras Ghareb for \$11.85 a barrel.

He said the prices were effective Aug 1-15.

"Egypt hopes that world market oil prices stabilise until they reach the benchmark agreed upon among OPEC members of \$18 a barrel," Ayoub was later quoted by the official Middle East News Agency as saying.

Egypt is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but its pricing and production policies are generally guided by the organisation's actions.

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Hard as it may be to believe, most of the things that we find so unpleasant are in our best interest, though we may not feel that at the time. For example, if you do not get up in the morning, it means that you do not get to school, which means that you will not get the education you need for a good job in later life, which means.... Some thing with not doing homework. When you are older, not getting up means not keeping a job which gives you the money you need to buy food and clothes and to pay the rent.

So, you see that all the awful things we would often rather not do are necessary and if we do not do them, we might find ourselves in a situation much more uncomfortable than leaving a warm bed in the morning.

Auntie Jayne

Happy birthday

Shirley Leorena Lucas celebrates her 7th birthday today. Best wishes for the future and many happy returns of the day from your loving Daddy, Mummy, brothers Stany, Derrick and Michael, sisters Maria, Liberata and Sandra and Uncle Anthony.



BEDDGELEERT lies near Snowdon in the country of Gwynedd, about 12 kilometres inland from the sea. 'Bedd' is the Welsh word for 'grave', so Beddgelert means the 'Grave of Gelert'.

This is the story of how it came to be so called.

Many years ago there lived a brave chieftain, called Llewellyn, in Snowdonia. Now Llewellyn had a faithful dog, Gelert which had been presented to him by King John of England, and this dog was the leader of all Llewellyn's pack. At home he was as gentle as a lamb but in the hunt he was fierce and brave.

One day when Llewellyn and his men had assembled on the mountainside ready for hunting the hare, the huntsman blew aloud blast on his horn to rally the pack of hounds. To the huntsman's surprise Gelert, the leader of the pack, was not there. So he

Beddgelert

blew again upon his horn. Still Gelert did not come. "It seems very strange that Gelert does not come in answer to my call," said the huntsman.

But they could not wait for him any longer and the huntsmen and the rest of the pack went on without him.

But somehow or other things went wrong that day. The chase was poor and the hound failed to run their quarry to earth.

At twilight Llewellyn rode sadly towards his castle. He was wondering greatly where Gelert had been all day. Just then he heard the familiar sound of his barking.

"Ah! Bad dog! Why did you fail me to-day? Where have you been?" Llewellyn began. But as he rode nearer he could see that

something was wrong.

The dog did not bound forward to greet him as he usually did. He crouched low and licked his lips. Then, looking more closely at him, Llewellyn perceived that Gelert's coat was tangled and matted with clots of blood.

"What is the matter? Where did all this blood come from?" cried his master.

Here, there and everywhere the ground was smeared with it. Llewellyn dismounted hastily and ran into the castle. Here there were signs everywhere of a struggle. Blood, freshly-spilled, lay all over the floor. No servants were there to answer to his call. Gelert followed at his master's heels, dragging his hind legs somewhat. Quickly Llewellyn's



gaze travelled to the cradle in which he had left his baby son. He rushed up to it. The baby was not there! The coverlet was torn and smeared with blood. All was in disorder. Llewellyn had only one thought at the time. "Cruel monster!" he cried to the dog. "You have betrayed my trust and devoured my son!"

The poor dumb creature's eyes searched his master's face. "If only I could speak!" he seemed to say. He crouched low and tried to lick his master's feet. But Llewellyn was furious. "You, too, shall die, treacherous hound!" And so saying he plunged his sword into Gelert's side.

His dying yelp was heard from afar. It woke Llewellyn's sleeping child who murmured and cried out.

The chieftain searched in the direction from which the sound came. There, in another room, quite safe and sound, beneath a heap of bloodstained clothes, lay the child.

At his side, torn and mangled, but quite dead, lay an enormous wolf!

Now the truth was made clear to Llewellyn. The gallant dog had fought with the wolf and had killed him, in order to save the life of the child he so jealously guarded.

Llewellyn's grief was pitiful to behold. "The desperate deed which laid you low, this heart shall ever regret," said he.

So Gelert was buried with ceremony and there beneath a mound of stones, his grave can still be seen to this day.

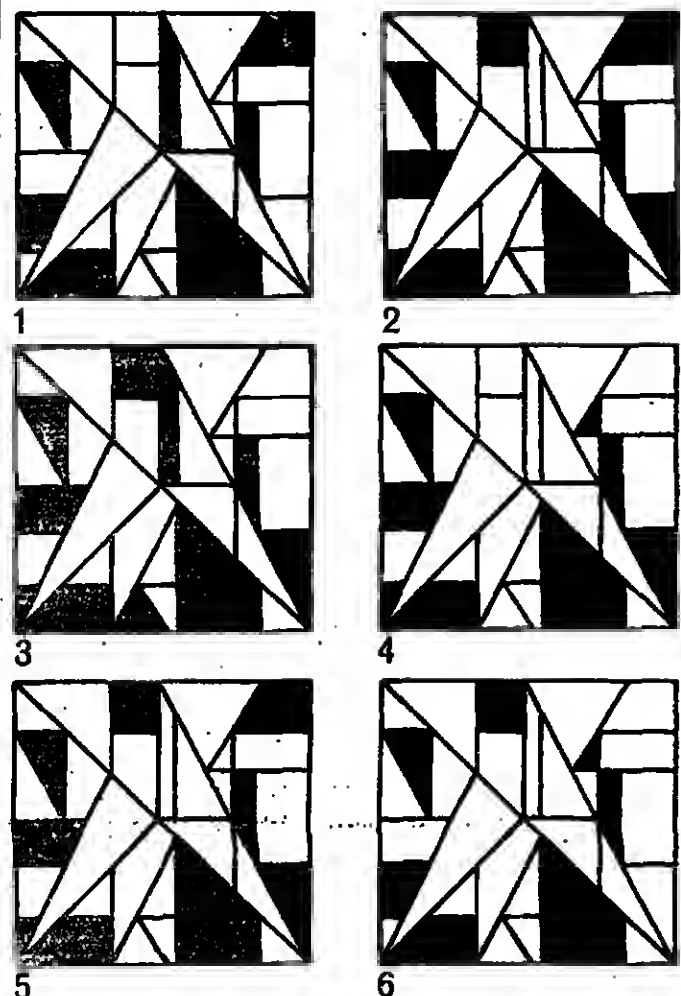
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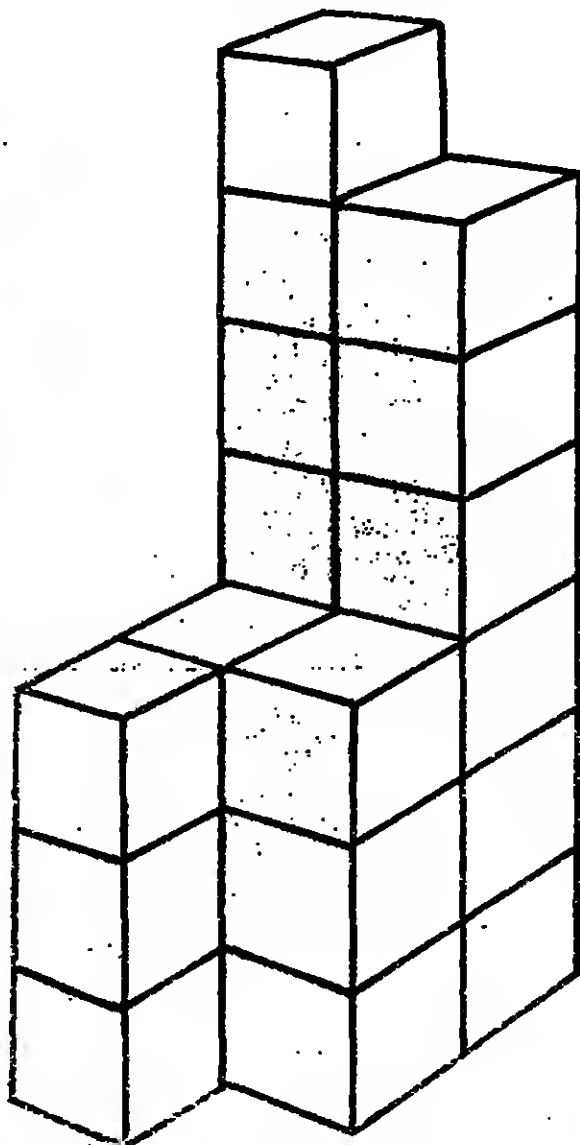
Rearrange the letters to find the names of eight colours.

Solution on Tuesday

Which two squares are the same?



How many cubes are in the stack?



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Dormice were a popular delicacy in Ancient Rome. The Great Blue Heron catches fish by spearing them with its bill.

The wrinkled grey covering of the brain is made up of 9,000,000,000 cells.

There are six languages in North America which each have only one surviving speaker.

Ladies in sixteenth and seventeenth century England wore their wedding ring on their thumb.

A superintendent of nurses in the American Civil War refused to employ any nurse who was pretty.

On average we lose 11 oz of weight while we are asleep at night.

A girl in Perth, Australia, can read at 100,000 words per minute. In half an hour she read Hamlet, Wuthering Heights, and several short stories.

The official languages of the United Nations are Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

The Romans used weasels to catch mice.

If all the corks of all the wine bottles produced in France each year were glued together, they would encircle the earth ten times.

Ivan the Terrible killed his favourite son in a burst of anger.

7 1/2 million tonnes of water evaporate from the Dead Sea every day.

In October 1961 a new volcano on the island of Tristan da Cunha in the Atlantic rose to a height of 90 feet in a few hours.

The albatross has a hooked beak with which it can exert as much force as a pickaxe.

The word 'police' did not appear in official English until 1714. It was originally a French word.

Ha! Ha!

What has bread on both sides and frightens easily? A chicken sandwich.

Why will television never take the place of newspapers? Ever tried swatting flies with a television?

An American walked up to a stranger in the street and asked: 'Have you got a light, mac?' 'No,' he replied, 'a brown overcoat.'

How can you make your paper money worth more? If you fold it, it doubles — and when you open it out again, you find it increases.

A man walked into a library and asked: 'Have you got any books with a good mystery ending?' Librarian: 'Yes, here's one with the last chapter torn out.'



Unscramble the letters to find out what book each member of the family is reading.

That's it

The illusion:

While you are guarded in another room, the group selects some object in plain view of everyone. You return and various things around the room are named one after another. When the right object is named you instantly verify it as the selected one!

The preparation:

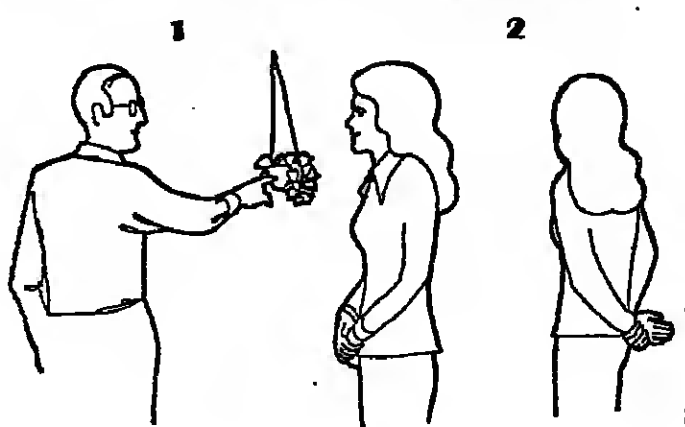
Once again your confederate either can be a secret or openly can be your special assistant. How does your assistant know when to indicate the proper object? He doesn't! The secret of this very baffling and unfathomable mystery is that you are the one to do the signaling. Read on!

The trick:

You come back into the room and your friend starts naming or pointing to objects in different parts

of the room. (1). Four, five, or six objects are named and when you want the selected object to be named you merely do something to change your position: fold or unfold your arms, shift one foot, put your hands behind you, or any other natural and subtle movement (2). As soon as your confederate sees you do this, the next object he or she names must be the selected one. As soon as it is, you name it as the group's choice.

Just this once, let yourself be pressured into doing the same trick twice, or even three times, as the fun and frustration grow. The insidious subtlety of this particular while-I'm-out-of-the-room trick is that everyone is watching and listening to your assistant, waiting for a signal that will never come. It's all in knowing how.



When you move in the circles of the rich and famous, it's only natural that you'll know about the rules of etiquette. But the mark of true good breeding is when you make someone who is a little new to the game feel at ease, which is what Leapy the acting dog is doing here with a young colleague who recently joined the team.

Solution to 'What's my line?'

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The why of man

Why we have a skeleton

The movements of the body are carried out by special bundles of flesh called muscles. However, the complex muscular system would not be able to function at all if it were not supported by a suitable structure. This structure is the skeleton. It is in reality a kind of framework which supports the body.

Although this description is correct to a certain extent it is not the whole story. First of all because the skeleton is a framework which is capable of very complex movements, quite different from ordinary frameworks; in the second place because the function of supporting the body is

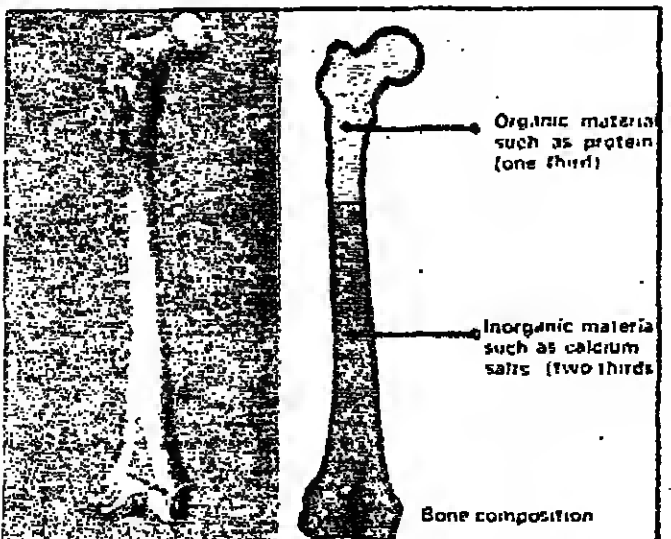
not the sole purpose of the skeleton. The bones are not only more or less strong supports, well and efficiently joined together, but they are also living elements of our bodies, organs which are entrusted with delicate tasks.

In the central cavity of almost all bones, for instance, there is a soft tissue known as the bone marrow, which in the long bones has the task of producing the red and white cells of the blood. Although they appear solid the bones are penetrated by a large number of tiny holes through which pass the blood vessels which feed the bones themselves.

Fewer but larger vessels also pass through to collect from the marrow the blood cells just mentioned and put them into circulation.

Since the tasks of the skeleton are so important and delicate it is easy to

understand the advice doctors give to all, but particularly to the young, to enrich their diet with calcium and phosphorus, without which the bones would become either too fragile or too hard.



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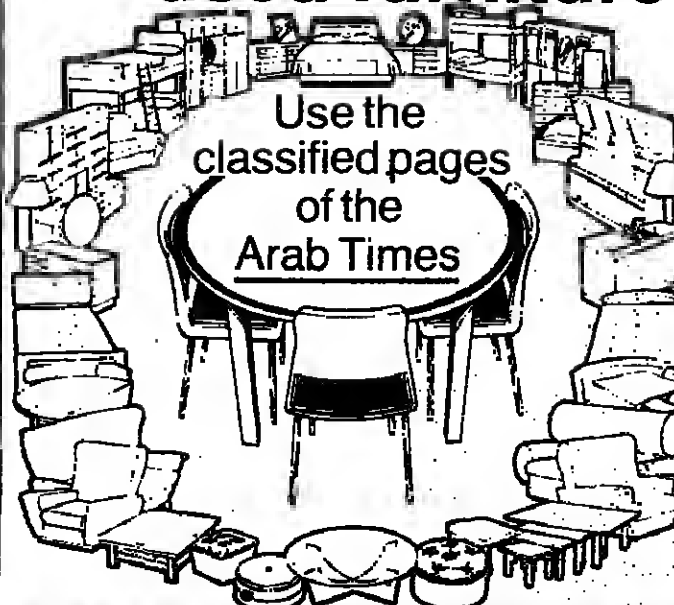
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New Zealand announces cockpit crew for Cup

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 3. (Reuters): New Zealand's Michael Fay yesterday named the cockpit crew for his America's Cup challenge, tapping David Barnes, who won the World 12-metre Championship last year, to take the helm of his sloop against the Americans.

Fay also named Richard Morris, 27, the tactician and Peter Lester, 34, the navigator for the best-of-three America's Cup regatta scheduled for September 7 and 9 and if necessary the 11th.

They are scheduled to race San Diego Yacht Club's Dennis Conner, the skipper of the Cupholder American's controversial catamaran.

"With a team of Kiwi battlers and a lot of luck, maybe the catamaran will get the message and self-destruct," Fay said. Barnes has been world champion in the 470 class three times and skippered KZ7 — New Zealand's challenge vessel in the last America's Cup series off Fremantle — when it won the World 12-metre Championship at Sardinia last year.

Helmsman
Lester is a former world OK dinghy champion and was helmsman of Propaganda, the top boat in Britain's Admiral's Cup series last year.

Morris is the computer development manager for Fay's challenge. He took part in the Fremantle series and navigated KZ7 in the 1987 World 12-metre Championships.

Fay said Barnes, 30, would get the best from both New Zealand and his crew.

"He has a huge task ahead of him, skipping the biggest boat built to contest the Cup in more than 50 years, and trying to beat a catamaran which is so much faster than we are."

New Zealand attorney Andrew Johns told Reuters that both sides have met this week and have other meetings planned to hammer out details of the America's Cup regatta.

Wittmann wins first leg of Argentine rally

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Franz Wittmann of Austria won the first stage of the Argentine rally on a sandy course at the Buenos Aires horse racing track on last night.

Wittmann, driving a Lancia, went around the two-mile (three km) course in two minutes 40.23 seconds at an average speed of 43 mph (69 kph).

Straight
Italian Massimo Biasion, who is looking to clinch the World Drivers' Championship by winning the Argentine rally for the third straight year, was fifth in his Lancia.

Local star Jorge Recalde, also driving a Lancia, was second just over four seconds behind Wittmann, one of only a handful of Europeans taking part.

Austrians Rudi Stohl and Georg Fischer, driving Audi Quattros, were third and fourth respectively.

Slaney hopes to bury Los Angeles nightmare

EUGENE, Oregon, Aug. 3. (Reuters): One of the most haunting memories of the Los Angeles Olympics remains the image of American Mary Slaney being carried from the coliseum in tears after crashing to the track in the 3,000 metres final.

Slaney clear favourite for the gold medal after her thrilling 1,500-3,000 double in the Helsinki World Championships two years earlier, had been a teenage prodigy who fulfilled all her early promise.

At 14 she became the youngest athlete to represent her country in international competition when she ran a mile in the indoor US-Soviet Union meeting in 1973.

She went on to set five world and 21 US records and reached the highpoint of her career when she outraced the best runners in the world in the Finnish capital.

Memories

But Slaney, who was also the women's overall champion in the first Grand Prix circuit three years ago, has no happy memories of the Olympics.

In 1976 she was injured and in 1980 the United States boycotted the Moscow Olympics.

Then came 1984 and the most bitter disappointment of all.

Slaney and Briton Zola Budd were involved in a collision which left Slaney distraught on the track and Budd also in tears as the crowd booed her during the rest of the race.

Slaney, carried from the coliseum in the burlly arms of her then-fiance and now husband Richard, held a news conference which ended suddenly when she

MAYOTTE UPSET IN SECOND ROUND

Unseeded Nelson extends Becker

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 3. (Agencies): Two-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker was pushed to three sets before winning and fourth-seed Tim Mayotte was upset in the second round of the US Men's Hard-court Championships last night.

Becker, the West German superstar ranked fifth in the world and the top seed in this \$415,000 tournament battled two hours and 29 minutes for his 6-3 6-7 (4-7) 6-2 victory over unseeded American Todd Nelson.

Mayotte, ranked 10th in the world, was ousted by fellow American Mark Dickson 7-6 (7-2) 6-3.

Faults
Becker did not lose his service, making 12 aces and committing nine double faults, with one giving Nelson the second set.

Jimmy Connors, the No. 2 seed, and fifth-seeded John McEnroe were to begin play this evening. Connors was to open against Pieter Aldrich of South Africa and McEnroe was to play Dan Cassidy. Third-seeded Brad Gilbert was to meet Jimmy Brown in an afternoon match.

Becker broke Nelson's serve in the fourth game of the opening set when Nelson hit four straight volleys into the net. Becker, a two-time Wimbledon winner and ranked fourth in the world, used his powerful serve to finish

off the set. Nelson survived three break points to win the ninth game of the second set and take a 5-4 lead. The San Diego resident hit a crosscourt winner to take the match's longest game. Becker committed four unforced errors in the game.

Nelson won the first five points of the second-set tiebreak, helped by a double fault and two shots beyond the baseline by Becker. The West German took the next three points, then hit a volley into the net to give Nelson triple set point. Becker served his 12th ace of the match, then double faulted to drop the set.

Nelson, who lost 7-6, 7-5, to Becker three years ago in their only previous meeting, lost his serve in the sixth game of the final set. Becker hit a sideline winner and Nelson hit a return long to give Becker the game and a 4-2 lead. Becker held serve, took a bathroom break, then returned and broke Nelson's serve to finish the match, winning on a passing crosscourt winner.

Becker's match was his first on the circuit since Stefan Edberg defeated him 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-2, to win the Wimbledon championship. Becker had returned to action two weeks ago by winning a pair of singles matches for West Germany in a Davis Cup semifinal triumph.

Aaron Krickstein, the No. 6



Becker: had a tough game

seed, celebrated his 21st birthday yesterday by defeating Grant Connell and advancing to third-round play. Krickstein, of Grosse Pointe, Mich., eliminated his Canadian rival, 7-5, 6-4. The court temperature surpassed 120

degrees for a second straight day. Seventh-seeded John Fitzgerald of Australia was upset, losing to John Ross, 6-3, 7-5; No. 8 Peter Lundgren of Sweden defeated Ken Flach, 6-1, 6-4 and 10th seed Derrick Rostagno,

eliminated Mexico's Francisco Maciel, 6-1, 6-3. Ross and Rostagno meet tomorrow in a third-round match.

"I didn't want to stay out there for two and a half hours," Becker said. "I had enough chances to win in two sets. I got down on myself when I didn't."

"My game plan was to keep the pressure on him," said Nelson, who has beaten some of the world's top players. "Playing him (Becker) you have to be ready for anything. I think I played a good match, but I can play better. The way the first set went (there was only one service break in the fourth game) I thought I could win."

Balance
Dickson, who ranks 147th in the world, said: "I dictated play more than he did. I was able to keep him off balance and make him miss. I play every point like it's a match point."

Ross, who is ranked 153rd in the world, knocked off the seventh-seeded Fitzgerald in one hour and 35 minutes.

Ross won the last four games of the first set and broke service in the 12th game of the second set with a passing forehand to beat Fitzgerald, who is ranked 27th.

Fitzgerald said Ross played "solid, and deserved to win. He has a very effective game and a serve that kicks high. I was sluggish, I wasn't getting to the ball."

Yatsushiro to miss three Grands Prix

Burnett joins Gardner at British GP

FORMER British champion Roger Burnett will join world 500cc champion Wayne Gardner in the Rothmans Honda team at the Shell Oils British Grand Prix at Donington Park on Sunday.

The 28-year-old rider from South Humberside will take the place of Gardner's injured team mate, Shunji Yatsushiro, at the 12th round of the World 500cc Championship.

Crashed
The unfortunate Yatsushiro dislocated his hip when he crashed at the French Grand Prix and will miss the next three Grands Prix at Donington, Sweden and Czechoslovakia.

Last year Burnett finished 11th in the World 500cc Championship riding the 1986 NSR Rothmans Honda. This season he has been concentrating his

talent in the World Superbike Championship, which he currently leads, and has taken part in the major British events, including the TT races on the Isle of Man.

World champion Gardner is determined to put the bitter disappointment of the French Grand Prix behind him and get back on the winning trail at Donington Park.

The 28-year-old Australian star saw victory at the Paul Ricard circuit cruelly snatched away from him with only 400 metres remaining.

Until this point Gardner held a one second advantage over the chasing pack but, in the closing moments, a cracked gearbox casing resulted in his bike breaking down and left the champion having to settle for fourth place.



Roger Burnett

He now trails Eddie Lawson in the 500cc Championship by 27 points with five rounds remaining. Typically, Gardner refuses to be pessimistic about his title

chances as he prepares for the British Grand Prix.

"We've bounced back before and we will bounce back again," he said. "I think the French race showed everybody that I'm the fastest rider in the Grands Prix at the moment and although I'm bitterly disappointed at the French result, the race has done myself-confidence a great deal of good."

Chance
The Donington Park circuit holds some good memories for both Gardner and Burnett. "Donington is my favourite circuit," said Burnett, who won the 1986 British title and Senior TT for the Rothmans Honda Britain team. "I've been given a great chance by the team and I am to be the best British finisher on Sunday."

Daggett bids to make US team

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 3. (AP): Part of it, said Tim Daggett, is that four years have not erased the memories of Los Angeles.

But mostly, it's what happens within Daggett every time he sees a pommel horse, each time he grasps a pair of rings.

That's why less than 10 months after breaking his left leg at the World Championships at Rotterdam, Daggett, 26, is trying for a berth on the US Olympic team.

Daggett, who with Scott Johnson are the only holdovers from the 1984 team that won the gold medal at Los Angeles, did not compete at the US championships last month in Houston, and

is considered a longshot to make the team.

Both the American men's and women's Olympic teams were to be selected during the trials that were to begin this evening at the Salt Palace with the men's compulsory competition.

Finishers

The women's compulsories are scheduled for tomorrow, with the men's optional finals on Friday and the women's optionals on Saturday. The top six finishers will make the US teams.

Dan Hayden, Kevin Davis and Charles Lakes, the top three finishers at the US championships, head the 23 men battling for the six berths.

The scores from the US championships are carried over to the Olympic trials, and count for 40 per cent of the overall scoring.

Both Daggett and Johnson, who is recovering from broken bone in his hand and also missed the nationals, made the trials on medical waivers. Their chances for making the team will depend entirely on their scores in the trials.

Daggett, a bronze medal winner in the pommel horse in 1984, broke his tibia and fibula and severed a major artery during the vaulting competition at Rotterdam last Oct. 22. He was hospitalized for a month in Holland, then spent additional time at the UCLA Medical Centre.

Briton puts title at stake

ADELAIDE, Australia, Aug. 3. (AP): Tony Laing of Britain defends his Commonwealth lightweight boxing title against Australian Lester Ellis at the Apollo stadium in Adelaide tomorrow evening.

Jamaican-born Laing, 31, a resident of Nottingham, boasts a 13-3-1 record but goes into the fight after suffering a surprising loss to Joe Alexander of Trinidad in a non-title contest earlier this year.

The Australian is the former Commonwealth and International Boxing Federation champion in the junior-lightweight division, but has recently fought as a lightweight.

Olympic diver charged with homicide

BRANDON, Florida, Aug. 3. (AP): Bruce Kimball, a 1984 Olympic silver medalist and contender for a spot on the US diving team that will compete in the 1988 Games in Seoul, was charged yesterday with two counts of vehicular homicide.

Two people were killed and six others were injured in a mishap late Monday night when he drove a sports car into a group of teenagers gathered on a dead-end road. Kimball and two passengers in his automobile escaped serious injury, and the former University of Michigan diver was released from the Hillsborough county jail on \$10,000 bond.

Kimball, 25, survived an automobile accident in 1981 and recovered from severe injuries to win a silver medal in platform diving at the 1984 Los Angeles Games. The 1988 Olympic diving trials will be Aug. 17-21 in Indianapolis, and Kimball is one of the nation's top performers in his event.

Disqualify
It wasn't known if Kimball still plans to compete in the trials, but the head of US Diving said there is nothing within the organization's rules that would disqualify him.

"I'm saddened by the news and feel terrible for the families involved," Todd Smith, executive director of US Diving, said in a statement released in Indianapolis. "Regarding Bruce's situation as it applies to US Diving, the accident at this point has no effect on his eligibility for the Olympic trials."

"The judicial process will have to run its course and depending on the outcome, US Diving will act accordingly," Smith added. "As it stands now, Bruce has earned the right to compete."

Olympic coins

NEW YORK, Aug. 3. (Reuters): While athletes will compete for gold medals at the upcoming 1988 Seoul Olympics, fans can go for their own gold by buying commemorative coins issued to help pay for the events.

Billed as the most exclusive souvenir of the Games, the gold and silver coins are for sale both to collectors and the general public.

Red Sox score 21st consecutive home victory

NEW YORK, Aug. 3. (AP): Mike Greenwell hit the first Grand Slam of his career in the first inning and the Red Sox went on to defeat the Texas Rangers 7-2 last night in Boston for their 21st consecutive home victory.

In equalling the club record of 21 in a row set in Fenway Park by the 1949 Red Sox, Boston moved to within one of the American League mark held by the 1931 Philadelphia Athletics.

The Major League record for the most consecutive home victories is 26 set by the New York Giants in 1916.

In Toronto, Jim Clancy won for the first time since June 23 with a seven-hitter and Fred McGriff belted two home runs, leading the Blue Jays to an 11-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Tony Fernandez had four hits and scored three times and Rance Mulliniks drove in three runs with a homer and double as the Blue Jays scored early and often.

Doubled
Ken Gerhart, a last-minute starter when Cleveland changed pitchers just before game time, doubled to spark a four-run third inning as the Orioles snapped a three-game losing streak with a 5-2 victory in Baltimore.

Oswald Peraza, 4-4, scattered eight hits for the victory, only Baltimore's fifth since the All-Star break. Three of wins have been games started by Peraza.

In Seattle, Chili Davis highlighted a four-run third inning with a two-run triple and the California Angels defeated the Mariners 10-2 for their 11th straight road victory.

Milwaukee's Jeffrey Leonard doubled in three first-inning runs. Paul Molitor homered and the Brewers ended a scoring drought with a 15-hit attack to beat the New York Yankees 11-5.

The Brewers, who averaged only 2.9 runs a game during a recent 1-7 road trip, returned home and knocked veteran Yankee starter Tommy John, 8-4, out in the second inning.

Snapped
Detroit retained first place in the American League East as Ray Knight's two-out single in the ninth scored Pat Sheridan from second base as the Tigers edged the Royals 1-0 in Kansas City.

In Chicago, Dan Pasqua homered and Steve Lyons had three hits and drove in two runs as the White Sox snapped a five-game losing streak with a 7-5 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

letics. The loss halted Oakland's three-game winning streak but the Athletics maintained a 6-1-2 game lead in the American League West.

Barry Lyons hit a two-run triple and Darryl Strawberry hit his League-leading 29th home run, the third consecutive game in which he homered, as the New York Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 3-1 last night.

David Cone, 11-2, allowed eight hits, struck out nine and walked three as the Mets won for the sixth time in seven games.

Perfect
Jamie Moyer, 5-10, pitched six innings and allowed all three runs. He had shut out New York with a three-hitter on June 3.

In St. Louis, Philadelphia's David Palmer pitched no-hit ball for five innings and finished with a one-hitter as the Phillies moved out of last place with a 2-0 victory over the Cardinals.

Palmer, 6-8, struck out six and walked three in his third shutout, his first since a five-inning perfect game against St. Louis on April 21, 1984, when he was with the Montreal Expos.

The Pirates defeated the Montreal Expos 3-2 in Pittsburgh as Jose Lind singled in the winning run in the 10th inning.

Denny Gonzalez singled with one out in the 10th off Neal Heaton, 3-7, and Glenn Wilson doubled. Pinch-hitter Barry Bonds singled to tie the score and Andy McCaffigan relieved Lind then singled over Dave Martinez's head in right, sending the Expos to their second loss in nine games.

Greg Maddux hit his first Major League home run in the top of the inning to give Montreal a 2-1 lead.

The Dodgers' Tim Lincecum pitched a six-hitter for his National League-leading fifth shutout as Los Angeles beat the Reds 2-0.

Leary, 11-7, has allowed four runs in his last 43 innings, winning four of five starts and lowering his earned-run average to 2.24. He struck out three and walked two in the game in Los Angeles.

Results			
American League			
Toronto	11	Minnesota	0
Chicago	7	Oakland	5
Detroit	1	Kansas City	2
California	10	Seattle	2
Milwaukee	11	New York	2
Boston	7	Texas	2
National League			
New York	3	Chicago	1
Pittsburgh	3	Montreal	2
San Diego	3	Atlanta	1
Los Angeles	2	Cincinnati	0
Houston	13	San Francisco	10
Philadelphia	2	St. Louis	0

Iraqi and Iranian athletes to be housed far apart

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 3. (AP): Athletes from such warring nations as Iran and Iraq will be housed as far apart as possible in the Olympic village, and each of the village's 82 buildings will have its own separate security, officials said today.

The buildings housing warring nations' athletes would have no special added security, they said, but no one would be admitted to any residential building without the permission of the leader of the team staying there.

Facilities

The whole village will be under tight guard, but athletes will be free to mingle in its "international zone," which houses the dining hall, shopping areas and recreational facilities, the officials said at a news briefing.

Kim Bok-Hee, deputy director of the village, said national team locations within the residential area were assigned according to the nation's continents, language, religion and cultural

similarities. Within the buildings, team leaders assign the rooms, he said.

"We also took political aspects into consideration, but they did not play a big role because basically the Olympics is not a political event," Kim said.

He added, however, that teams such as Iran's and Iraq's were being kept far apart in the village of 50 hectares (123 acres). It is expected to house about 13,000 athletes and officials from 161 nations for the biggest Olympics ever.

Only six nations have not responded to invitations to the Games: North Korea, Cuba, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Albania and the Seychelles. Communist North Korea, an archrival of the South, has said it would boycott the Games unless it is made a co-host.

Kim said rooms will be kept for the six nations that have not responded, in case they eventually send teams to Seoul.



● Soviet gymnasts at Seoul's Kimpo Airport. The gymnasts arrived in South Korea yesterday to compete in the International Friendship Gymnastics Competition, a trial run for the Olympic event. From left to right: Leonid Artyukhin (coach), Yelena Shushunova, Valery Lyukin and a South Korean official. (Reuters wirephoto)



Slaney (left) being carried off by Richard after her collision with Budd

again dissolved in tears.

So when did Slaney start thinking about Seoul?

"I started thinking about it about three hours after the clash," she told Reuters.

Trains

And Slaney now has a new coach, Brazilian Luiz de Oliveira who lives in Eugene and trains a number of world-class runners including Brazil's 1984 Olympic 800 metres champion Joaquim Cruz.

These changes have helped bring a new maturity and peace of mind to the American, who turns 30 on August 4.

"She's more confident of herself as a person now," says husband Richard. "Mary is more relaxed. You can think about things on the track too much. Being involved with the family is a positive influence."

De Oliveira, who has been her coach since 1985, agrees.

"You can't live for training," he said. "I suspect Mary was much like that before. She loves Richard and she loves being a mother and these are positive distractions."

Slaney is the epitome of a doting mother, eager to show visitors the latest picture of her

daughter. "I'm happy with my life," she said. "I don't think I'm putting as much pressure on myself as before. I think I've calmed down a little bit."

Slaney's injury-disrupted career has been largely due to overtraining but now she seems to have cured a tendency to run too far, too fast.

"She's not running as many miles and she's taking one day off a week," De Oliveira said. "She is able to hold herself back. That is really helping Mary."

"The one thing that hasn't changed is her motivation. She hasn't lost that."

Slaney, who still holds the world mile record and all American records from 800 to 10,000 metres, missed last season through calf and Achilles tendon injuries.

She started this season with some trepidation but has gone undefeated in her nine races so far, including five in nine days at the US trials.

"I'm looking at running a good 3,000 in Zurich (on August 17)" she said. "It's probably the last good, quality race before the Olympics."

Speed

"I think it's important to get some good races in. I haven't really raced since the '85 season."

Slaney believes she is in the best shape of her life. "And we haven't even begun speed work yet."

Husband Richard is also looking forward to the Olympics. "Hopefully I'll be carrying her off again," he grins. "Under different circumstances."

SPORTS

W. INDIES PACEMAN NEEDS FOUR ENGLAND WICKETS IN LAST TEST

Marshall threatens Trueman's record

LONDON, Aug. 3, (Reuters): Malcolm Marshall, the scourge of England's batsmen, can add lustre to his mounting personal achievements by claiming a wicket-taking record in the fifth and final cricket Test starting at the Oval tomorrow.

The West Indies' premier fast bowler needs four more wickets to beat the highest aggregate in a series between the teams — 34 by England paceman Freddie Trueman in the 1963 rubber in this country.

Marshall has already left an indelible mark this season with 31 wickets in the first four Tests, giving Viv Richards's side a winning 3-0 lead, and to sign off with the best-ever tally would crown a performance of the highest quality.

Selectors

The Barbadian paceman's trail of destruction has caused such disarray in the England camp that the selectors have picked 27 players during this series, with their problems now compounded by a crop of injuries to the Oval squad.

Following the withdrawal of fast bowler Graham Dilley on Sunday with an injured knee, England's woes reached mammoth proportions yesterday when captain Chris Cowdrey forced to pull out because of a bruised foot along with prospective Test debutant Kim Barnett, who has a hand injury.

That led to urgent calls to all-



Marshall makes an appeal for lbw against Lamb in the earlier Test, rounder David Capel and his Northamptonshire batsman colleague Rob Bailey to rein-

force the squad of 13, plus the appointment of Graham Gooch as captain — the fourth player to lead England during the series.

Bailey, also receiving his first Test call, has been included because of serious doubts about the fitness of England's most successful batsman Allan Lamb, who tore a calf muscle during the fourth Test.

England have had to call up such a large number of players in an attempt to combat West Indies' unrelenting fast bowling, the formula for their success over the last decade and effectively used in the current series by Marshall and a new generation of Caribbean pacemen.

Marshall has been both the spearhead and the inspiration to Richards's team, showing what an accomplished performer he has become with a mastery of swing and seam from a reduced run-up to complement his sheer speed.

He has now taken 286 wickets in 57 Tests and could move to the threshold of 300 — a landmark reached by only eight other bowlers in cricket history — on a pitch at the Oval that tends to have rather more pace than most in England.

With an essentially ideal batting surface in prospect, it is unlikely England will play only three specialist bowlers as in the fourth Test.

Left-arm spinner John Childs, who was omitted from the fourth Test after making his debut in the previous match, looks a probable inclusion as the only slow

bowler in the squad, with fast-medium Neil Foster another certainty.

To complete the likely minimum of four bowlers, two pacemen will have to be chosen from Gladstone Small, Derek Pringle and Phillip DeFreitas, who replaced Dilley.

While England juggle with their battered resources in an attempt to produce a worthy blend, West Indies seem set to keep their winning nucleus in the light of Richards's comments after the 10-wicket win in the last Test at Old Trafford.

"There will be no let-up," said the West Indian captain, making clear his intentions to finish on a winning note at the Oval.

Missed

Richards can recall his vice-captain and senior opening batsman, Gordon Greenidge, who missed the fourth Test with a neck injury. Keith Arthurton, awarded his first cap at Old Trafford, may have to make way for Greenidge.

West Indies' only concern is the fitness of wicket-keeper Jeff Dujon, who injured an ankle while fielding as substitute against Essex at the weekend.

He would be missed as much for his consistently elegant batting — he averages 48.20 in the series — as his ability behind the stumps. The uncapped David Williams from Trinidad is reserve 'keeper."



Norman's participation in World Cup uncertain

SYDNEY, Aug. 3, (Reuters): Greg Norman's participation in December's World Cup of golf was thrown into question again today when the head of the Australian PGA warned that players might boycott the team tournament.

PGA president Terry Gale insisted that the two-man Australian team would be made up of Peter Senior and Roger MacKay, first and second in the 1987 Order of Merit, as originally announced.

Yesterday, the organisers of the invitation event ignored the PGA team, saying world number one Norman and Rodger Davis would play in the event from December 8-11 at Royal Melbourne.

Gale said he believed players would back the PGA decision and would make it difficult for the organisers to pick a team. "We can't physically or legally stop them playing but I think they will back us on this," he said.

"I don't think anyone will accept an invitation knowing they were dudding their mates."

Norman was not picked by the PGA because he played only four tournaments last season, one less than the number required to qualify for the Order of Merit.

World Cup promoter Tony Roosenburg said of the PGA: "They are not involved in picking the team, they are irrelevant. We know he (Norman) wants to play and I am confident he will play."

Decision

A spokesman for Norman's agents, the International Management Group, said Norman hoped to make a decision next week.

"The issue is still up in the air. Greg is concerned about the ramifications about not playing for Australia in bicentennial year against going against the wishes of the PGA," the spokesman told Reuters. "He does not want to make waves."

Taiwanese not allowed to compete in China

TAIPEI, Aug. 3, (UPI): The Chinese-Taipei Olympic Committee today said a Taiwanese gymnastics team cannot compete on the China mainland, despite recent overtures by the government, until official policy is changed.

The committee denied responsibility for blocking the Taiwan gymnastics team from competing in the Pan-Pacific Games to be held on the China mainland in December.

Participate The gymnasts would have been the first Taiwanese athletes to participate in an international competition on the mainland.

The ruling Nationalist Party endorsed a more liberal mainland policy during its 13th National Congress in July, which would allow both academic and athletic exchanges.

The Army of Nationalist Party

leader Chiang Kai-shek fled the mainland in 1949 and established its government in Taiwan. The party has never relinquished its claim to be legitimate government of all of China.

But in recent months relations between Taipei and Beijing have appeared to improve.

On Friday, President Lee Teng-hui called for the further expansion of civilian contacts with the mainland.

But an Olympic committee spokesperson said the government has not yet formulated a policy to govern the exchanges.

"Of course we are willing, we are just waiting for the policy," said Frederick Yun, acting deputy secretary-general of the Olympic committee.

Yun said the decision on whether the gymnasts could perform on the mainland rests with Premier Yu Kuo-Hua.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Imran Khan

HOVE, England, Aug. 3, (Reuters): Imran Khan's 11-year association with English County Cricket Club Sussex is likely to end after one more match. The Pakistan captain is expected to make his final appearance in a four-day game against Surrey in September and is unlikely to be considered for any other fixtures. Sussex said yesterday.

Viv Richards

LONDON, Aug. 3, (Reuters): West Indies captain Viv Richards, already assured of victory in the current Test series, said today he would like to lead a fresh onslaught against England in the tour planned for 1991.

Top sire

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 3, (Reuters): Roberto, one of the top sires in North America whose offspring have won \$14.7 million and 59 stakes races, died yesterday at the age of 19.

Miguel Lora

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 3, (UPI): The California Athletic Commission yesterday began an investigation to determine whether Miguel Lora of Colombia ingested an illegal substance during the successful defense of his World Boxing Council bantamweight crown.

Fight guarantee

NEW YORK, Aug. 3, (AP): Top Rank has offered World Boxing Council welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan of Britain a guarantee of \$500,000 to fight Donald Curry of the United States, for his WBC super welterweight title in October, a spokesman said yesterday.

Rugby tour

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 3, (Reuters): A strong World XV rugby side will soon tour South Africa and some players are already on their way. South Africa's rugby union chief Danie Craven said today.

Mike Hillardt

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 3, (AP): Australian 1,500 metres champion Mike Hillardt underwent an operation on a troublesome Achilles tendon injury at the weekend and could miss the Seoul Olympic Games in September, his coach said today.

PSV beaten

LEVERKUSEN, West Germany, Aug. 3, (Reuters): UEFA Cup holders Bayer Leverkusen of West Germany beat European Cup winners PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands 1-0 (half-time 0-0) in a soccer friendly yesterday.

Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 3, (AP): An anti-apartheid group today threatened to disrupt next year's \$2.4 million Australian Open tennis championships unless South African players were banned from the event.

Yugoslav player

VIENNA, Aug. 3, (UPI): Austrian First Division soccer champions Rapid have signed Yugoslav midfielder Mladen Munjakovic for two years. The 27-year-old international has lined up for Dinamo Zagreb for eight years and has played five Olympic tournaments and three internationals for Yugoslavia.

26 tennis stars to take part in Olympics

LONDON, Aug. 3, (AP): Twenty-six of the world's top-ranked 40 players in men's and women's tennis will take part in the Seoul Olympics when the sport returns to the Games as a medal event for the first time in 64 years.

The final entry list, released today by the International Tennis Federation, includes reigning Wimbledon singles champions Stefan Edberg of Sweden and Steffi Graf of West Germany.

Edberg and Graf won the men's and women's events in Los Angeles four years ago when tennis was a demonstration Olympic sport.

Edberg, the world's second-ranked men's player, will have countryman Mats Wilander and West Germany's Boris Becker as his main rivals in Seoul. Others taking part include Henri Leconte of France and Americans Brad Gilbert and Tim Mayotte.

Graf, the world's top-ranked woman, heads a powerful line-up that includes Chris Evert and Pam Shriver of the United States, Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini and Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union.

The ITF said 11 of the top 20 male players and 15 of the leading 20 women in the world computer rankings would be competing for gold, silver and bronze medals in singles and doubles.

The Olympic tennis event runs from Sept. 21 through Oct. 1. The most notable tennis absences in Seoul will include world No. 1 Ivan Lendl, American John McEnroe and Australia's Pat Cash, who was originally entered for the draw but withdrew for personal reasons last month.

Pleased

Martina Navratilova is the most obvious non-starter in the women's draw, but ITF officials said they were well pleased with the entry list.

"For over 111 years, the International Tennis Federation has been in the forefront in the struggle to return tennis to the Olympics," ITF President Philippe Chatrier said in a statement.

"Now all the qualifying events are over, we have an outstanding field of players from around the world who will be in Korea. It is going to be a historical event for all concerned."

Players taking part in the Olympics earned a berth by direct acceptance, wild cards and qualifying. No more than three players were allowed from any one country, and preference was given to nations who have performed well in Davis Cup and Federation Cup competitions over the past 18 months.

The seeds, 16 in the men's event and 12 in the women's, will be selected in Seoul shortly before the draw, which takes place on Sept. 18.

Chatrier said tennis had now earned the same international recognition as other Olympic sports.

Leonard and Lalonde to announce fight

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3, (AP): Sugar Ray Leonard and World Boxing Council light heavyweight champion Don Lalonde are expected to announce tomorrow they will fight for Lalonde's title and the WBC's new 168-pound super middleweight title.

Both camps had earlier said negotiations were "centering on a bout as early as November."

"Unless there are some changes, an announcement of a fight is expected," Lalonde's manager, Dave Wolf, said last night. Wolf would not release any details of the bout.

Leonard's attorney, Mike Trainer, remained in Los Angeles yesterday in final stages of contract negotiations with Norm Kaplan, Lalonde's attorney, trainer's office said.

Leonard, 32, a natural welterweight who last fought in April 1987 when he ended a three-year retirement and stunned Marvellous Marvin Hagler for

the undisputed middleweight title, would be coming out of retirement a third time.

Leonard, who has held the world welterweight, junior middleweight and middleweight crowns, would simultaneously capture his fourth and fifth titles if he defeats Lalonde, a hard-hitting 28-year-old Canadian who is 31-2 with 26 knockouts.

Lalonde also will risk his World Boxing Council light heavyweight title (175 pounds) as part of the agreement to fight for the WBC's newly formed 168-pound super middleweight division. Wolf said last month.

"I've considered fighting a number of people from welterweights to light-heavy," Leonard said this week in an interview with a Washington television station. "As to say why I want to do it, because I still can and I want to. I'm in a situation now to challenge the light heavyweight champion of the world, which I never thought I could do."

because I thought I was too small."

On July 19, the WBC executive committee in Mexico City approved a possible fight between Leonard and Lalonde for the new weight class. Boxing's other two sanctioning bodies, the World Boxing Association and the International Boxing Federation, already have super middleweight divisions.

Undisputed

Leonard, 34-1, who won a gold medal for the United States in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, has fought only twice since he initially retired from boxing in November 1982 as undisputed world welterweight (147-pound) and junior middleweight (154-pound) champion.

His first retirement came after undergoing surgery for a detached retina in his left eye. Leonard fought in May 1984, but immediately retired again after an uninspired victory over unheralded Kevin Howard. He

came out of retirement to fight Hagler, then retired again.

Lalonde, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, captured the WBC light heavyweight crown last November and has defended it once.

Bruce Trampler, matchmaker for Top Rank, Inc., which promoted the Leonard-Hagler fight, said he expects this fight also to take place in Las Vegas, Nev.

"It could be very big. It'll be considered a mega-bucks fight," said Trampler, who said a promoter for the bout had not been chosen. "Ray Leonard has been the biggest box office fighter since Muhammad Ali. He's the single biggest box office attraction in boxing in the last 15 years."

The only boxer to gain titles in four weight classes is Thomas Hearns, who has held welterweight, junior middleweight, middleweight and light heavyweight titles.

US triumph

DUISBURG, West Germany, Aug. 3, (AP): The United States, paced by three goals from Michael Evans, defeated Spain 16-6 in the first day of the eight-nation water polo tournament in Duisburg yesterday.

Veteran Manuel Esclarte put in a strong performance for Spain, scoring three goals as well.

Greg Boyer, Terry Schroeder, Jeffrey Campbell, John Vargas and Kevin Robertson scored two goals each for the US team.

"Our offensive was great. We scored on the fast break, on set offense and on the power play," US team coach Bill Barnett said after his victory.

IOC to beef up anti-drug campaign

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Aug. 3, (AP): The head of the IOC medical commission faces a renewed challenge at the Seoul Olympics: how to keep up with athletes who use increasingly sophisticated, hard-to-detect drugs to cheat their way to the top.

The challenge, said Prince Alexandre de Merode, shows the need for a joint international effort to ban drugs from sports.

Since De Merode took the job 21 years ago, he said the use of banned substances has often stayed one step ahead of detection.

"Our long road is not yet at an

end," he said in an interview at his Brussels home. "Tomorrow there will be another drug problem, more complicated and probably involving some genetic manipulation," he said.

Now, the International Olympic Committee plans to battle medical progress with improved organization.

Meeting on the eve of the Seoul Games, it hopes to approve uniform drug procedures and sanctions for all Olympic Games and other sporting events.

A textbook case, he said, was Spain's Pedro Delgado, winner of the 1988 Tour de France, who used a drug-masking agent that

is banned by the IOC but not the International Cycling Federation whose rules apply to the race.

The discrepancy in sanctions is an old controversy. It often discredits sports in general and leaves many athletes feeling discriminated.

"Two types of sanctions for the same type of offense is unacceptable," says De Merode.

Together with UNESCO and individual sports federations, the IOC also hopes to enlist governments in the fight against drugs in sports. A conference about this is due to take place in Moscow in November.

Moses avoids clash with Olympic challengers

Myricks and Gray shine at Monaco meet

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, Aug. 3, (AP): Americans John Gray and Larry Myricks were the top performers yesterday at the second running of the Herculis 88 track and field meet at Stade Louis II.

Gray, the top performer in the 800 metres this year, won his race in 1 minute, 44.91 seconds, running relaxed and looking back several times in the final stretch. "I just arrived in Europe and I was a bit worried. I was a bit tired but I really wanted to run well," Gray said. "When I won so easily I was really proud of myself after the long trip."

Easier

Gray has run 1:43.70 this year and looked capable to come close to that if he was pushed. "I find it easier now to go from 1:44 to 1:43 because I am going down slowly," Gray said.

Myricks took the long jump with a leap of 8.50 metres. He placed second in the US Olympic trials with 8.74 and placed second at the 1984 Olympic in Carl Lewis.

Danny Harris, who ended Edwin Moses' victory streak last year, won the 400 metre hurdles

in 48.57. Despite winning silver medals in the 1984 Olympics and 1987 world championships, he is not on the American Olympic team this year because he came in fifth in the trials.

"I was upset that I didn't make the team but now that's over and I intend to run the best time I can," Harris said. "I lost six weeks of training with a hamstring injury in March."

His personal record is 47.48, the time he did behind Moses' time of 47.46 at the world championships. Moses' world record is 47.02.

Harris is looking for the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. "I'll be ready in '92 for sure," Harris said.

James Butler of the United States surprised in the men's 300. He took the race in 20.42. Frenchman Gilles Quenherve was second while two-time world champion Calvin Smith of the United States was fourth in 20.53. The runners ran into a wind of 4.3 metres per second.

Nigerian Chidi Imoh won the 100 metres in 10.17 pushing American Dennis Mitchell to



Imoh: on his way to victory in the 100 metres

third in 10.34.

Romanians swept the women's 1,500 with Mihaela Constantina winning in 4:03.49 with Doina Melinte and Viorica Giban also under 4:05.

American Danette Young won the women's 200 in 22.23.

Another American, Andrew Valmon, took the men's 400 in 45.18 leading a sweep for the United States. Mark Rowe, 45.32, and Clarence Daniel, 45.44, followed.

Yesterday, Moses, the outstanding 400-metre hurdler, was

among the missing at a meet he was scheduled to appear in.

Meet organisers had been advertising him to oppose Olympic teammate Kevin Young and West German rival Harold Schmid, third in the 1984 Olympic Games and 1987 World Championships.

But when Moses found out his opposition, Moses told the organisers that he was bypassing the meet to avoid meeting Olympic challengers before the Olympic Games.

Moses has won the 1976 and 1984 Olympic Games and the 1983 and 1987 world titles.

"He said that it was too early for his first meet in Europe and to run against Schmid and Harris. There was too much tension," said Jean-Pierre Schoebel, the director of the meet.

"It wasn't a question of money, there wasn't a lot of money involved," Schoebel said.

So, when Moses bowed out, so did Young and Schmid. "Young didn't come because he had to start school and Schmid wasn't in form and he didn't feel like running against those people."

BBC and BSB clinch £20m deal for FA Cup

LONDON, Aug. 3, (Reuters): A television company battle to screen English soccer matches, which threatened to cause a major split in the game, took a fresh turn today with a deal involving the Football Association (FA) Cup.

The state-owned British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) are to televise games in the FA Cup in a five-year agreement believed to be worth around £20 million (\$35 million), the FA said.

The two firms recently dropped out of a battle with the coun-

try's main private broadcaster, Independent Television (ITV), for television rights on English League matches.

English soccer chiefs originally feared ITV planned a contract only with a few select First Division clubs, which looked like causing a breakdown League, leaving smaller club struggling.

But club chiefs were recommending a contract involving all 92 League clubs at a meeting with ITV on Wednesday. ITV look certain to clinch the deal, estimated to be worth around £11 million sterling (\$19 million) a year for four years.

Hungary unveils big changes

BUDAPEST, Aug. 3, (Reuters): Hungary has introduced penalty shoot-outs into League soccer in a package of sweeping changes in the game which has been in turmoil here in recent years.

Penalties will decide the outcome when a match is drawn after 90 minutes. The Hungarian Football Association (MLSZ) announced ahead of Saturday's start to the season.

Hungarian soccer has been

plagued by allegations of match-fixing and the once-powerful national side has had five managers in the last two years after suffering a number of humiliating defeats.

Under the new rules, a winning team after 90 minutes will receive three points instead of two. A side victorious in a penalty shoot-out will receive two points and the loser one.